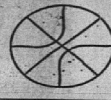




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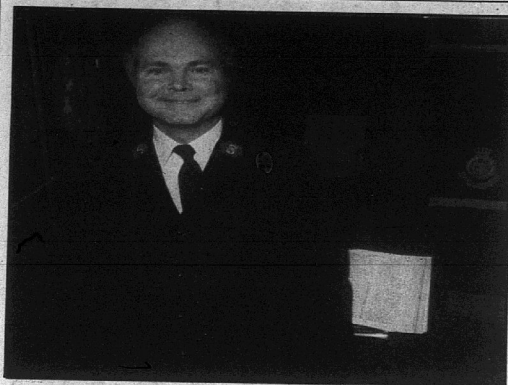
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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)
Lt. Tim Miller in Salvation Army chapel in Granite City.

Destined to serve Salvation Army chief was born into it

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

While some join the Salvation Army, Lt. Tim Miller was born into it.

Miller, 39, is the commanding officer of the Salvation Army's Corps Community Center in Granite City. He is responsible for a full-time staff of three — including his wife, Barbara, also a Salvation Army officer — and a number of seasonal workers and volunteers.

Both his parents were Salvation Army officers, and Miller spent much of his childhood in St. Louis, where his parents worked at three different centers over an 18-year period.

Profile

Miller said the atmosphere in Granite City is much different than at the centers he remembered growing up in.

"You have a small-town atmosphere here," he said. "It's not nearly like it was in St. Louis. Once my father had a kid come by collecting window insurance," Miller said. "My father said he didn't need any."

"They replaced a lot of glass in St. Louis," he added.

Before working for the Salvation Army full-time, Miller was a junior — (See MILLER, Page 6A)

Blast shakes plant

Firemen also battle blaze

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Emergency personnel worked overtime Thursday, the coldest day of the young year so far.

Granite City firefighters battled single-digit temperatures late Thursday night while extinguishing a house fire near the intersection of 13th Street and Meridian Avenue. Earlier in the day, firefighters responded to an explosion at Taracorp Industries that blew a 150-foot-long metal roof completely off of a building. No injuries were reported.

And police were hopping all day and night Thursday, as a sudden temperature drop of more than 40 degrees caused havoc for traffic.

The most dramatic of the events was a house fire on Meridian Avenue near the city's boundary with Madison. The vacant single-story frame house was completely engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived on the scene just after 11 p.m.

The temperature at the time of the fire was seven degrees, with a wind chill of between 30 and 35 degrees below zero. A pumper truck at the main fire station failed to start and



(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

A Granite City firefighter applies water to a fire on Meridian Avenue Thursday night. The bitter cold temperature turned water to ice almost instantly.

remained in-house, compounding the difficulties.

The vacant house at the rear of 1222 Meridian Avenue was completely gutted by the fire. Firefighters worked into Friday morning bringing the blaze under

control. Water used to extinguish the fire froze almost immediately as it hit the ground and the floor of the house, making the fire all the more treacherous for emergency personnel on the scene.

(See BLAST, Page 2A)

Porn suspect faces more charges

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Prosecutors on Thursday lodged seven new counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault against a Granite City area man already charged with one identical count and four counts of child pornography.

Timothy W. Williams, 31, a resident of the Sunny Shores Trailer Park in the 8100 block of West Chain of Rocks Road, was charged Thurs-

day with molesting three girls and two boys in his home last March and molesting two more boys in his home sometime last summer.

Williams, who was charged Jan. 8 with four counts of child pornography and one count of aggravated criminal sexual assault, had been held in the county jail on \$400,000 bond. His bond was increased to \$1 million as a result of the new allegations.

Madison County State's Attorney

William Haine said Thursday that the new charges all involve the same acts as the charges filed Jan. 8, but with new victims.

"He's in a world of hurt," Haine said. "We want 100 years."

Williams is an over-the-road truck driver. On Jan. 6, his wife discovered pornographic tapes and photographs, all depicting children performing sexual acts in the couple's mobile home, in a bag Williams car

(See SUSPECT, Page 7A)

Man beaten with tire jack on lot

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

A 61-year-old East St. Louis man may lose his life as a result of a severe beating on the parking lot at American Steel Foundries in Granite City Thursday night.

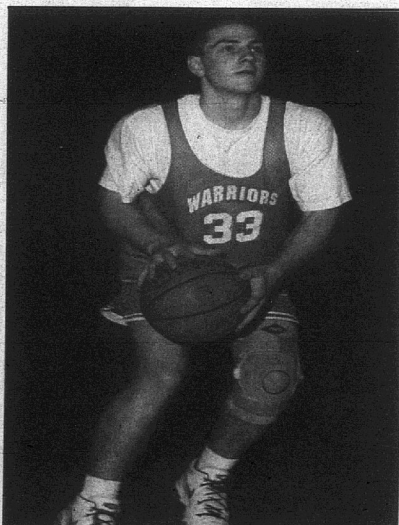
Ervin L. Morris was listed in critical condition Friday at a St. Louis area hospital. He was hit about the head and face with a tire jack on the parking lot at ASF at about 11:30 p.m. Thursday.

"He beat Morris savagely," said a medic at ASF who witnessed the incident.

"He wasn't trying to hurt him. It looked like he was trying to kill him."

Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen said that Morris and another ASF employee were walking to a vehicle on the parking lot during their lunch break when the beating took place. The second employee, Scott Slayton, 21, of St. Jacob, was also hit in the head four or five times, according to a police report.

(See BEATING, Page 7A)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Back in action — Granite City Warriors basketball player Kyle Briggs, recovering from a knee injury, is finishing out the season on the court rather than on the bench. See details in Wednesday's Sports.

Man charged in '92 death

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

A 37-year-old Granite City man was arrested Thursday morning and charged in connection with the death of a Bethalto man 3½ years ago.

Madison County Sheriff's deputies arrested John R. Derr, of the 2200 block of Nevada Avenue at 10:30 a.m. Thursday. Derr was charged with involuntary manslaughter and concealment of a homicidal death in connection with the Aug. 14, 1992, death of Dennis



Derr



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Oberbeck, formerly of Bethalto.

Bond was set at \$150,000.

Derr is alleged to have hit

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John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KSDH-TV Channel 5

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
33-43	42-52	46-56	49-59
33-43	42-52	46-56	49-59

Two special sections today

There are two special sections of interest inside today's Journal. One is designed to provide information about how to do many things. The other is a preview of the Greater St. Louis International Auto Show.

The "how to" section features a variety of articles on how to make smart purchases or how to plan those do-it-yourself projects. The section is the first group of "how to" stories. Other articles will appear in following weeks.

The auto show section features stories on the Lamborghini Diablo VT and the new Cadillac Catera. In addition, there is information about new features on almost every make of car. The auto show is so large it is being held in both the Trans World Dome and Cervantes Convention Center. The auto show opens Wednesday.

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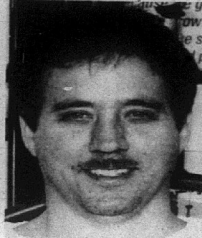
THE VOICE BOX:

January is the month many have adopted to get fit after the holidays. How do you get back in shape?

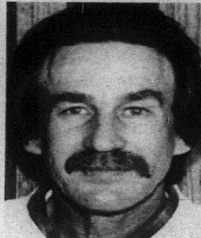
By SHIRLEY VALENCIA



Debbie McElroy Granite City
"I work out daily at the YMCA and have for five years. I walk and try to watch what I eat."



Greg Will Granite City
"You need to be dedicated for the rest of your life in order to get the full benefit from exercising. There is no right or wrong time to start. You just have to apply yourself 110 percent."



Jack Becker Granite City
"I try to stay in shape all year. I work out at the YMCA. I don't smoke, and I try to eat right."



Mike Leonard Granite City
"I work out six days a week at the YMCA. I try to maintain my weight and watch my diet year-round. I don't smoke and only drink occasionally."



Dave Rippey Granite City
"I try to eat healthy all year — no junk food — and work out at the local YMCA."

3rd at site in year

Robbery at credit union

Granite City police are investigating a report of an armed robbery at the Granite City Steel Credit Union downtown.

It is the third robbery reported at the 20th Street and Lee Avenue location in the past year.

The victim in the most recent incident, a 33-year-old Granite City man, told police \$250 was taken from him at gunpoint Wednesday.

According to a police report, the victim was counting his money while walking on the sidewalk near the credit union and was going to make a deposit in a savings account he had opened earlier in the day when two men approached him.

One of the men asked for a light for a cigarette, and the victim handed the man a lighter,

the report states.

One of the men then said, "and your money too," and stuck a small caliber semi-automatic handgun in the victim's chest, the victim told police.

The victim handed the money to the suspects, who then entered a maroon mid-1970s model Chevrolet Monte Carlo, the report states.

The car was last seen heading east on 20th Street.

The victim described the suspects as 30 to 25 years old, about five-foot 10-inches tall, weighing about 160 pounds and having brown hair.

Both of the suspects wore blue jeans and T-shirts. One of the suspects wore a black T-shirt and the other a blue T-shirt.

Deputy suspended after arrest

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A Madison County Sheriff's Deputy has been suspended without pay following his arrest on a domestic battery charge.

Ronald L. Middleton, 44, of the 3000 block of Edgewood, Granite City, was charged with misdemeanor domestic battery following an incident in Venice Tuesday. He was released on \$107 cash bond after turning himself in to the Venice police department.

Sheriff's Department Capt. Robert Hertz said Friday that Middleton was suspended without pay immediately after the department was notified of the charge, and the matter will be dealt with by the department's Merit Commission.

"We're conducting our own internal investigation," he said. "There is no way the sheriff's department condones that sort of action."

Middleton has been with the sheriff's department for almost seven years. He works in the county jail in Edwardsville. Hertz said the victim had recently been released from the Illinois Department of Corrections, but declined further comment.

The victim, a Venice woman, said she was riding in Middleton's car when he tried to strike her, and when she said she wanted to get out of the car, he said she had to give him all of her jewelry.

She refused, and Middleton reportedly took her purse and then forced her to give him several items of jewelry.

The victim was able to escape the car, went to the school and called police.

The officer reported that she had cuts and marks on her neck, legs and arms.

Middleton later turned himself in to police.

No charges in Madison stabbing

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Madison County State's Attorney's office has declined to issue charges in a stabbing that occurred early Wednesday in Madison.

Madison Detective Neal Mize said police could not develop a strong case because the victim was uncooperative.

The suspect, a 34-year-old St. Louis man, has been released from the Madison police department.

The victim, a 36-year-old

Madison man, suffered wounds to his right arm, left jaw and left knee. He was treated at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, and left later that morning against the advice of doctors.

According to reports, police were originally called to an apartment in Greener Homes at about 3:30 a.m. after a fight was reported.

When police arrived, the victim's cousin — the girlfriend of the suspect — said the two had been fighting but had stopped.

The suspect was then told to

leave. About an hour later, the cousin called police again and reported a stabbing.

The woman said she had been upstairs when she heard the two fighting again. When she came downstairs, she saw the two fighting on the couch.

When she tried to break it up, she noticed her cousin had been stabbed.

Police at the scene said the victim was uncooperative, only saying that the suspect had stabbed him.

Police recovered a bloody steak knife at the scene.

County may consolidate 911 centers

Madison County is looking into consolidating its 911 dispatching centers.

A resolution approved Wednesday by the County Board authorizes the Emergency Telephone System Board to request proposals from consultants for a study of consolidation.

"Madison and St. Clair counties have an unusually

large number of public service answering points," Madison County 911 Coordinator David Whipple said. "We have 16 here. St. Clair has 13. In most 911 systems nationwide, there are not that many."

Whipple said many northern and central Illinois counties have only one answering point for 911 systems. "The systems can route calls anywhere," he said.

Fewer answering points could reduce equipment, maintenance and travel costs, Whipple said.

Consultants also will make recommendations on a

computer-aided dispatch system for the county.

The current 911 system provides a video display of the location of an emergency call and the name of the business, or resident.

A computer-aided dispatching system would also provide information such as residents' medical problems or the nature of prior police calls, Whipple said.

A computer-aided system could be used to facilitate the best routing for 911 calls from cellular telephones at some time in the future.

— From the Alton Telegraph

A security guard at Taracorp Industries directs a Granite City fire truck into the plant, where an explosion knocked the roof off a building.

•Blast

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The cause of the fire has not been determined, Fire Chief Keith Talley said.

The explosion at Taracorp, located along 16th Street in the downtown area, was potentially devastating. Luckily, most employees were at lunch when a pot of lead blew up at around noon Thursday and no one was injured.

The explosion, which could be heard several blocks away, carried enough force to blow a 150-foot-long roof completely off of one building.

Witnesses at Taracorp, a lead processing facility, said a pot containing molten lead exploded, possibly due to moisture in the mix.

Firefighters responded to the scene, but let a series of small fires throughout the southernmost building at Taracorp burn themselves out.

The dramatic change in temperatures caught drivers unaware and traffic accidents occurred throughout the Granite City area Thursday.

Assistant Police Chief Kip Pomeroy of the Granite City police department said there were a large number of accidents, including two school buses, but no serious injuries were reported.

Granite City, Madison and Venice schools were closed Friday due to the weather and hazardous road conditions.

Craft fair set

The North Junior High School Ecology Club in Collinsville is hosting a spring craft fair from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 23.

The fee for a 8x10 square-foot booth is \$15 with a table or \$10 if you provide your own. For information, call Bev Burris at 667-8802.



Debris falls from a ceiling as two Granite City firefighters vent it while fighting a fire at 1228 Meridian Avenue Thursday night.

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Madison OKs painting of store

Farm Fresh officials had threatened to seek another location

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Madison City Council approved a \$1,245 bid to repaint the interior of the Farm Fresh store in the Alpine Village Shopping Center.

The council approved a bid by Love Construction Co. of Granite City.

The action was taken to keep the store at that location after management threatened to look for a new location.

The shopping center's other tenant, Family Dollar, had closed New Year's Eve because of poor sales.

Alderman Ron Grzywacz said the manager of the Farm Fresh store had complained that store officials had been trying to get the city to repaint the interior for the past seven months.

Grzywacz said managers told him they had called city hall repeatedly, but would not identify whom they had talked to.

He went over to talk to them, and

during the conversation the managers talked about finding a new location.

"I can see what they were talking about; the place was filthy," Grzywacz said.

The burglar alarm also drew complaints.

Grzywacz said he contacted the city's alarm department to have the burglar alarm fixed, and asked Love Construction for bids on the interior work.

That company had recently been awarded a contract for exterior work on the building.

Grzywacz said the city's action pleased the store managers.

"Right now they're happy because we got the alarm fixed and a proposal (to paint the interior)," he said.

The council also discussed a new tenant for the other half of the shopping center.

City Attorney Casper Nighohossian said he had contacted two companies about locating there, but they had not answered.

The council also approved \$3,760.25 in legal bills submitted by Nighohossian.

Nighohossian said he discovered one outstanding bill for \$435. The remaining \$3,325.25 was for out-of-pocket expenses for the Illinois Pollution Control Board hearing on the Metro East LLC power plant.

Nighohossian said the bill included printing and shipping of transcripts and other evidence to the IPCC.

That cost will eventually be reimbursed by the project developer.

The council also approved a motion by Alderman John Hamm to require all appointed city workers to file any claims for outstanding vacation, overtime or comp time pay by the next council meeting.

Alderman-Norris Horton asked what would happen to those who did not file.

"My opinion is if they don't file, they don't feel they've got anything coming," Hamm said.



Honored — Larry Barnes, right, regional manager for the National Fire Safety Council Inc., recently presented the Granite City Fire Department a special award for participating in the council's fire and burn prevention program for 15 years. Each year, during fire prevention week, the firefighters distribute coloring books promoting safety practices to local schools. Accepting the award for the department was Chief Keith Talley.

(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

Medicaid cutbacks concern disabled

Bea Rushton relishes her independence.

Stricken with polio when she was 9 years old, she works and owns her own home in Alton. But she fears her independence could be taken away by proposed Medicaid reform.

Because of post-polio syndrome, Rushton receives help with some of her personal care through the home services program Personal Assistance Services, which may be eliminated.

"If home services is cut, it would dramatically affect my life," Rushton said. "I would have to go into a nursing home and that is not my ideal place to be."

essential Medicaid services. States currently have less discretionary power, choosing to provide "optional services."

Many of those services, advocates charge, are essential: wheelchairs, which often must be replaced every several years; respite care for family members; communication devices; and speech and language therapies.

"If Medicaid is cut back, where do people go for their basics like wheelchairs and hearing aids?" Goodwin said.

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The Career Exploration Day is from 9 a.m.-noon, and will be held in the Varsity Gym at BAC's Belleville Campus.

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Monday — Breakfast: French toast sticks with syrup, cup of cherries; lunch: Pizza, corn, cup of cherries.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, biscuit, chilled apricots; lunch: Beef and noodles, sliced carrots, dinner roll, gelatin with fruit.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Cereal, fresh bananas, toast; lunch: Chicken nuggets, potato rounds, slice of bread, apple sauce.

Thursday — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, cup of raisins;

lunch: Beef and bean taco with lettuce and cheese, mexi cal corn, sliced peaches.

Friday — Breakfast: Sausage patty, biscuit, mixed fruit cup; lunch: Tuna casserole, green beans, fresh cole slaw, peanut butter candy.

Madison Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: Cereal, juice; lunch: Cheeseburger on bun, fries, peaches.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Churros, juice; lunch: Hamburger, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, gelatin, bread.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Cereal, juice; lunch: Baked ham,

sandwich, potato rounds, pineapple.

Thursday — Breakfast: Doughnut, juice; lunch: Turkey, noodles, dinner roll, peas, apple sauce.

Friday — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, juice; lunch: Taco salad with cheese, garlic bread, corn, cherry pie.

Venice Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: Grits, sliced ham, toast; lunch: Hot dog on bun, fries, baked beans, pineapple cake.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Cereal, pears; lunch: Pizza squares, pear halves, corn.

Wednesday — Breakfast: French toast sticks, strawberries; lunch: Pepper steak, rice with gravy, peas, sliced bread, cherry cobbler.

Thursday — Breakfast: Blat-cuit, sausage patty, jelly; lunch: Turkey, green beans, sliced bread.

Friday — Breakfast: Waffles, syrup, bacon; lunch: Shellaroni with meat sauce, spinach, sliced bread, fruit.

Holy Family

Monday — Hot dog or chili dog on bun, cheese, carrots

and celery sticks, apple sauce, cake.

Tuesday — Spaghetti with meat sauce, cheese chunks, lettuce salad, bread, blueberry crisp.

Wednesday — Barbecued ham on bun, French fries, corn, carrot and celery sticks, pineapple.

Thursday — Taco with meat, cheese, lettuce and salsa; peanut butter sandwich; refried beans; gelatin with fruit.

Friday — Tuna salad on bun or peanut butter sandwich, buttered noodles, lettuce salad, mixed fruit.

St. Elizabeth

Monday — Beef ravioli in tomato sauce, corn, buttered bread, spiced apples.

Tuesday — Parent luncheon. Mostaccioli with meat sauce, green beans, dinner roll, cherry crisp.

Wednesday — Steak nuggets, potato wedges, carrots, buttered bread, apple sauce.

Thursday — Beans and wieners, corn, buttered bread, fruit cup.

Friday — Fish on bun, potato tots, slaw, gelatin.

Consumer group rates lawmakers

Legislators get lowest marks ever from Illinois Public Action

A liberal consumer advocate group complained Tuesday that most lawmakers disagreed with its positions during last year's legislative session.

Illinois Public Action officials said the fewest number of lawmakers earned positive marks on the group's rating scorecard since it began its ratings in the mid-1970s.

Less than one-fourth of the lawmakers got an "excellent" or "good" rating, none of them being from Madison County.

"This has been the ultimate in cash-and-carry government. The special interests simply used their money to purchase the bills they wanted passed," Robert Creamer, the group's executive director, said.

Area Sens. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville, and Vince Demuzio, D-Carlinville, got "mediocre" ratings for agreeing with Public Action 55 percent of the time in their votes, while Sen. Frank Watson, R-Greenview, was rated "poor" for voting with the group 27 percent of the time.

Virtually all the same issues in the House were used for the ratings. Reps. Steve Davis, D-Bethalto, and Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, received mediocre ratings for voting with Public Action 55 percent and 64 percent of the time, respectively.

Ron Stephens, R-Troy, got an "abysmal" rating for voting contrary to Public Action's positions on every issue it included. The majority Republicans primarily voted most often against Public Action's positions on issues they selected for the ratings, but Creamer said many Democrats "went along" with the majority on "anti-consumer" issues.

"I think we may have to lobby the Democrats with some calcium tablets so they'll develop some backbone," he said. Public Action is closely allied with labor unions and personal injury lawyers and had particularly lobbied against a bill passed about a year ago limiting recovery in lawsuits.

Sponsors of the bill called it "tort reform" while Public Action called it the "wrongdoer's protection act."

The vote picked by the group for rating senators included the tort bill, repeal of the scaffold act, a measure to remove some penalties against car dealers and mortgage payment penalties, and the brownfields bill changing cleanup requirements for abandoned industrial sites.

All were opposed by Public Action. The group also threw in votes on concealed weapons and limiting children's access to cigarettes, opposition to private school vouchers, welfare changes, parental notice of abortions and early childhood education.

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Starting seeds indoors is a fun project that anyone can enjoy. It's a great way to get a jump on the gardening season, and it's not too early, either, at least for some seed varieties.

First of all, you'll need to know how long a particular seed takes to sprout, and that information is on the back of each seed packet. Another piece of info you must have is the last average frost-free date, and for this area, it's April 2. Since several seed varieties may be started indoors up to twelve weeks before that date, now's a good time to begin.

Following is a chart that will tell you when the different types of seed may be started indoors. These dates are all based on April 2 as the average date of the last freeze in spring. Remember, though, that's average.

Crop	Indoor Seeding Date	Plant Outdoors
Spring Vegetables		
Broccoli	1-9	3-27
Brussels Sprouts	1-9	3-27
Cabbage	1-9	3-27
Cauliflower	3-26-1-9	4-9
Eggplant	2-6-2-13	4-16
Kale	2-6	2-27
Lettuce	2-6	3-5
Muskmelon	4-2	4-23
Onion seeds	1-23	3-5
Pepper	2-6-2-13	4-16
Summer Squash	3-19	4-2
Swiss Chard	2-13	3-12
Tomato	2-6-2-13	4-2

Annuals (Plant outdoors any time after April 2)	Indoor Seeding Date	Plant Outdoors
Ageratum	2-6-2-20	
China Pink	2-6-2-20	
Coleus	1-9-1-23	
Dahlia	1-9-1-23	
Busy Miller	2-6	
Flowering Tobacco	2-20-3-5	
Geranium	2-6	
Impatiens	1-16-1-30	
Lobelia	1-9-1-23	
Marigold	2-20	
Petunia	1-16-1-30	
Portulaca	2-6-2-20	
Salvia	2-20-3-5	
Snapdragon	2-6-2-20	
Statice	2-6	
Sweet Alyssum	2-20-3-5	
Verbena	1-9	
Vinca (Periwinkle)	3-19	
Zinnia	2-20-3-5	

As you can see, it's past time for several varieties, while others have to wait a little longer. Now, here's how to go about starting seeds indoors.

Containers
You can use just about any container as long as it's about 3 inches deep and has drainage holes. Trays, clay

pots, peat pots and plastic pots all have been used to start seeds. If the container you choose doesn't have drainage holes, simply make some. If you wish to use an old container, first wash it with a weak solution of household bleach and water. Thoroughly rinse the container with tap water. That will get rid of any plant diseases that may be lurking.

Planting Mix
Use a peat-based (peat mixed with perlite and/or vermiculite, a.k.a. peat lite) potting mix to start seeds. It's lightweight and drains well. You can purchase a peat-lite seed starting mix, or make your own. Combine two parts milled sphagnum peat moss and one part perlite or vermiculite. Use fresh potting mix every time you start a new batch of seeds. Try to avoid garden soil, since it's usually too heavy and poorly drained.

Fill the container to within a half-inch of the rim with moist planting mix. Moisten dry mix by misting or sprinkling water on it. Sow seeds evenly, in rows if possible, and at the depth specified on the seed packet. If the packet doesn't give seeding depth, plant seeds twice as deep as they are wide.

Here's an additional tip. Sow more seeds than you think you'll need. Some seeds won't germinate and others may not make it past the seedling stage.

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You may drop off donations for this emergency shelter supply project at the Madison County Chapter Office of the American Red Cross at 101 East Vandalia, Edwardsville, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Large, plastic storage containers for the books, games and toys would also be most appreciated. For more information, call the Madison County Chapter Office at 656-1407.

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Randy Johns serves as the superintendent of both cemeteries, with Michael Mann as site manager for the Nameoki Road cemetery and Tracy Higgins as site manager for the Maryville Road cemetery. Bruce Turnbough is the site assistant and Doris Oliver is the cemetery secretary.

For information, call 878-8611.

A dedication service and open house is planned for Feb. 25. The dedication begins at 1 p.m., with the open house to follow.

Deadbeat parents targeted

State tax collectors will go after those delinquent

Parents who refuse to pay child support will soon have to answer to the tax man. By next month, the Illinois Department of Public Aid will turn over the names of deadbeat dads and moms to the Department of Revenue for collection of delinquent payments.

The law putting tax collectors on the debtors' trail is part of fast-track welfare reforms that went into effect Dec. 31.

"The Revenue Department has the collection system in place and will use the same tools they use on tax cheats," Public Aid spokesman Dean Schott said.

Notices went out two weeks ago giving 10,000 child support debtors 15 days to pay, arrange payments or document

that they do not owe. If parents fail to respond, the tax man can step in and garnish wages and bank accounts, seize personal assets or file liens against real estate as if the parent owed a tax debt.

"We are not making any predictions, but we believe it will increase the amount of money coming into the department," Schott said.

"Delinquent parents owed the state \$432 million at the end of June."

The state collected \$241 million last fiscal year, or about 56 percent of the debt, but officials are always looking for ways to collect more, he said.

"We would like to collect every dollar and every cent," Schott said.

Madison County Assistant State's Attorney Christine Kovach said the reforms would probably put a little longer stretch in the arm of the law.

"Some parents are pros at changing jobs and staying a step ahead of us, but when they know it's the law, many are receptive. The goal is to get all parents to pay, not necessarily to punish them."

The first informational notices about the new law went out in November and produced \$23,000 in child support payments by the end of the year.

Another 350 parents made requests to set up payment plans after the early warning. Kovach said many parents fear being fired if the state garnishes their wages, but under Illinois law, the child

support payment is considered a mandatory deduction, like tax withholding, and the employee cannot be fired. Wage withholding has become one of the most successful tools for collecting child support, she said.

Revenue Department officials expect to process the first delinquent list from Public Aid by Feb. 1.

"This is nothing new," Revenue Department spokeswoman Debbie Best said. "We will be going after delinquent parents with the same system we use to collect back taxes. The difference is the list is coming from a different source."

Officials can reach into bank accounts, state and federal income tax refunds, workers' compensation checks and lottery winnings for the full amount of the debt.

"We are always looking for ways to collect more money so it can go to the benefit of the children," Schott said. "The more we can collect, the more we can reduce welfare payments or get people off welfare altogether. We collect from more than half the parents."

Public Aid will also launch a pilot program in 20 counties in central Illinois, including Macoupin, to establish paternity through an administrative process rather than the court system.

"Our hope is once it is developed there, it will be operated throughout the state, allowing us to handle more cases," Schott said.

The real issue is the fact that so many people don't support children, he said.

"If people don't do it, unfortunately the state has to become the parent and support the families that need help," he said. "We would like to see child support become as highly visible as DUI, where we have seen a change in attitude."

"People who brag about beating the system are hurting their children, and that attitude has to change. We want to help children receive support. The children deserve it."

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Looking for a ride

Survey finds mounting interest in car, van pooling

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The number of people participating in local car and van pools jumped 30 percent in 1995, and the number of people looking for a chance to participate increased by nearly 50 percent.

These numbers are tracked by RideFinders, which offers a free computer service to match commuters with potential car or van pools.

Approximately 400 people joined or formed car pools in 1995, raising the number of participants in the St. Louis region to more than 1,600. The total number of car pools registered with RideFinders was 561 on Dec. 31, up from 435 at the beginning of the year.

"There are many factors motivating people to try ridesharing," said Jane Smith, program manager for RideFinders. "In addition to reducing pollution, they're saving money on gas

and wear and tear on their car."

As an example of the program's success, from July 1 to Sept. 30—the period when excessive ozone was present—more than 112,400 single-occupant vehicle trips and 1.7 million miles of local travel were prevented by car and van pools.

Based on the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's estimates that the average car at 55 miles per hour emits 15.87 grams of pollutants per mile, that translates to almost 35,000 pounds of pollutants that were kept out of the air over the region during those months.

"We believe these numbers are significant and demonstrate that the program is having a positive impact on the environment of the St. Louis Region," Smith said. "We're delighted with the public's response to the program to date and anticipate that it will continue to grow in 1996."

Smith said new van pools will account

for some of that growth in 1996 because passengers enjoy each other's company and the fact that they can catch up on work, reading or sleep during the commute. She added that drivers like it because they get to ride for free and have the use of the van in the evenings and on weekends.

As of December 1995, 20 van pools carrying an average of 13 passengers were registered with RideFinders. Passengers pay a fare based on the length of the commute and the number of riders in the van.

Since the program's inception in February 1994, 5,791 people have called the toll-free number to add their names to the list in order to find a ridesharing partner or to receive information about other transportation options. More than half of the people in the database called within the past 12 months, and many have been matched with ridesharing partners.

For information call 1-800-VIP-RIDE.

•Miller

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high science teacher.

Since then, he has also worked in Chicago and Indiana, where he met his wife.

Miller said one of the biggest influences on his life in the Salvation Army was a commander in Indiana.

"It seemed like everything he did was successful," Miller said. "He would pray for things and it seemed God would always answer it. It inspired me."

When he came to Granite City four years ago, Miller said, there was some concern that the center would not be able to continue because of poor finances.

"We've seen a turnaround in a lot of things," he said. "One of the turning points was the Flood of '93, which brought attention to the center and the services it provides."

"It had a positive impact," he said of the flood. "Although I've never worked so hard in my life."

While mostly known for community service, people forget the Salvation Army is also a church, Miller noted.

In addition to serving as a minister, Miller also administers the center's programs, which range from finding shelter for people to summer day camps for children.

"I love working with children," said Miller, who has four daughters. "The day camp is a real fun experience for me—sometimes I feel like I should pay the parents."

He said his work makes him feel like Santa Claus.

"We help people," he said. "It's a really good feeling in giving them something they need."

"I think our impact is that we are a place people know they can go when they have an emergency," he said. "They know there is a place—a safety net, so to speak—where they can find some help."

He pointed out that helping people can be a slow process.

In the future, Miller said, he hopes to expand the office space or perhaps move the offices out of the center, and develop some kind of latchkey or day care program.

"I really feel good about what we're doing here," he said.

Diabetes class to be offered

Are you a diabetic? "You're not alone," said Kathy Haarmann, RN, BSN and certified diabetes educator. "There is no cure for diabetes, but there is a lot of information available that can help diabetics lead full lives and avoid further complications."

Haarmann, the patient education coordinator at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, will be part of the teaching team in a free "Take Charge of Your Diabetes" class offered at SEMC.

The class will be held from 9:30 to 9:50 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the Collinsville Health Center, 800 St. Louis Rd.

The class will include:

- ✓ a general overview of diabetes,
- ✓ symptoms,
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Obituaries

D. Frohardt

Dorothy (West) Frohardt, 86, of Granite City died at 8:10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1996, in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, following a six-month illness. She was born Feb. 21, 1909, in Granite City, where she had been a lifelong resident.

A third grade teacher at Webster School in Granite City prior to her retirement Jan. 1, 1973, she was a member of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church in Granite City and the Historical Society of Madison County.

Survivors include one son, James Frohardt of Battle Creek, Mich.; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Waldo E. Frohardt, whom she married in June 1936, and who died Aug. 8, 1995; one daughter, Olive Haslag, who died in June 1993; and her parents, James and Olive West.

Services were Saturday at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church in Granite City with the Rev. Bruce Rushing officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon. Arrangements were handled by Irwin Chapel in Granite City.

Memorials are requested for Niedringhaus United Methodist Church.

Minnie Clay

Minnie V. (Key) Clay, 95, of Cuba, Mo., formerly of Mad-

ison, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 1996, at Combs Residential Home in Cuba, where she had been a resident for one year.

A homemaker, she was a member of the New Hope Chapter 432 Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include two sons, Clarence L. Clay Jr. and Floyd A. Clay, both of Granite City; three daughters, Edna Williams of Boulder, Colo., and Mary Kiesel and Barbara Hargrove, both of Granite City; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence L. Clay Sr., who died in October 1968; her parents, William and Elnora (Quinley) Key; six brothers; two sisters; and one grandchild.

Visitation is from 3 to 7 p.m. today, Sunday, at Hutson Funeral Home, 403 S. Franklin in Cuba, where services are at 10 a.m. Monday.

Clarence Macke

Clarence August Macke, 71, of Granite City, formerly of Jackson, Mo., died at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1996, at his residence, following a 10-year illness. He was born Feb. 1, 1924, in Cape Girardeau, Mo., and had been a resident of Granite City for 34 years.

A dye maintenance man with A. O. Smith Corp. in Granite City for 26 years prior to his retirement in 1980, he was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church in Granite City and the

Survivors include one son, Joseph B. Lucido of Howell Township, N.J.; two daughters, Susan M. Thompson of Charleston, Ill., and Sandra

Venice-Madison American Legion Post 307 in Venice. He was a lifelong member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Madison and the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 1 in St. Louis and an Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia J. (LaRoche) Macke, whom he married July 5, 1980; in St. Louis; Robert E. Macke of Granite City; one stepdaughter, Patricia Harper of Festus, Mo.; three brothers, Ernest Macke of St. Louis, Elmer Macke of Jackson and Robert Macke of Granite City; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Freda Macke; one brother, Arnold Macke; and two sisters, Virginia Penrod and Ester Macke.

Services were Friday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Michael Hart officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials to the donor's choice are suggested.

Joseph Lucido

Joseph F. Lucido, 77, of Granite City, died at 8:37 a.m. Friday, Jan. 19, 1996, at Four Fountains Convalescent Center in Belleville, where he had been living for nine days. He was born May 5, 1918, in Granite City, where he had been a lifelong resident.

A manager with Granite City Steel Credit Union for 25 years prior to his retirement in 1978, he was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City and the Italian-American Club in Granite City. He was an Air Force veteran.

Survivors include one son, Joseph B. Lucido of Howell Township, N.J.; two daughters, Susan M. Thompson of Charleston, Ill., and Sandra

Schumacher of Belleville; five sisters, Virginia Whaley and Rose Baleja, both of Chicago, Dorothy Renaud of Granite City, Barbara Pasqua of Madison and Florence Novosel of Maryville; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois Jeanne (Booth) Lucido, whom he married April 8, 1942; his parents, Nicholas and Mary (Camper) Lucido; two brothers, Nicholas and Eugene Lucido; one sister, Frances Larmer; and two grandsons.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City, where a prayer service will be held at 5 p.m. today.

Services are at 9 a.m. Monday at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2606 Washington Ave. in Granite City, with the Rev. Thomas Wise officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for the American Cancer Society.

Rose Bukovac

Rose M. Bukovac, 84, of Granite City, formerly of Fairmont City, died at 10:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, following a five-year illness. She was born Jan. 17, 1912, in Fairmont City, where she had been a resident for 78 years prior to her death.

Owner and operator, with her husband, of Bookie's Tavern and the Nameki Bowling Alley in Granite City, she was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Fairmont City, where she was part of the Ladies Sodality.

Survivors include one son, John R. Bukovac of Granite City; one brother, Joseph Rosandic of Fairmont City; two sisters, Mary Helwig of Colorado and Kathryn McGinnis of Las Vegas, Nev.; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Bukovac, who died in 1977; her parents, Robert and Mary (Stalinovic) Bevanovic; her stepfather, Michael Bevanovic, who raised her, and two brothers, John and Frank Rosandic.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Werner Chapel, 3839 Lake Drive in Pontoon Beach, where the rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. today.

Services are at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 2729 North St. in Fairmont City, with the Rev.

Robert DeGrand officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials in the form of Masses are suggested.

Billie Popovsky

Billie Jean (Beeswick) Popovsky, 66, of Granite City died at 8:35 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1996, at Colonial Care Center in Granite City, following a two-year illness. She was born Sept. 22, 1929, in Lebanon, Ky., and had been a resident of Granite City for many years.

Mrs. Popovsky was a waitress with a hotel restaurant in Phoenix, Ariz., for several years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael Huff of San Francisco, and Bobby J. Koesterer of Alton; one daughter, Justina O'Guin of St. Louis; two brothers, Gordon Beeswick of Granite City and Robert "Bob" Beeswick of Alton; two sisters, Rebecca Silk of Phoenix and Sandy Beel of Highland; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two children and her parents, Elbert and Rachel Pauline (Bannon) Beeswick. Services were Friday at Werner Chapel for funerals in Pontoon Beach with the Rev. Eddie Linhart officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery, Nameoki Road in Granite City.

Max Dappert

Max E. Dappert, 75, of Glen Carbon died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1996, at his residence. He was born Feb. 10, 1920, in St. Edward, Ill., and had been a resident of Glen Carbon for 43 years.

A steel worker at Granite City Steel for 33 years prior to his retirement in 1978, he was an Army veteran.

Survivors include one son, Michael Dappert of Winchester, Ill.; one daughter, Carol Dappert of Edwardsville; two sisters, Helen Ping of Effingham and Kathleen Rentfro of Claremore, Okla.; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Pauline (Chitten) Dappert, who died in 1986; his parents, Elmer and Ruby (Boals) Dappert; and one brother, Glen Dappert.

No services were held. Per Mr. Dappert's request, his remains were cremated.

Arrangements were handled by Werner Chapel for funerals in Pontoon Beach.

Memorials are requested for the American Diabetes Association.

1 challenge to candidate is dropped

One of two challenges to Democratic 20th District Congressional candidate John Glynn's nominating petitions is being dropped.

Glynn opponent Sam Cahanman, a Springfield attorney, said Wednesday his supporters would withdraw their challenge at his request to bring about party unity.

Glynn, of Carrollton, "is a good and decent fellow," Cahanman said. "I'm confident I can whip him on the issues, without resorting to the technicalities of election law."

Cahanman also alleged his move put the other candidate for the nomination, Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, "in the hot seat with voters if Hoffman decides to sustain his own challenge to Glynn's petitions."

Hoffman responded, "I have not challenged Glynn's petitions and it's not my place to ask it to be withdrawn."

The other challenge to the validity of Glynn's petitions was filed by Gordon "Jack" Mazzotti of Taylorville, a friend and born rival of Hoffman, also the Christian, County Democratic chairman.

Mazzotti, who has said earlier he did not consider Hoffman before bringing the challenge, could not be reached for comment.

The State Board of Elections is expected to rule on Glynn's motion to dismiss the petition challenges.

Cahanman has contended a request for copies of the petition by Pete Williams, a staff attorney for House Democratic Leader Rep. Michael Madigan, is the "smoking gun" that has put Hoffman behind the Mazzotti challenge.

Hoffman called that "ridiculous," adding, "I didn't know anything about Pete McNamara reviewing petitions and it was without my knowledge."

Glynn, who previously blasted both Cahanman and Hoffman as "wild men" for the petition challenges, said he believed Cahanman's action was a result of a negative response from the public.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Suspect

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ried with him in his work. Williams' wife, who is the Madison County Sheriff's Department and Williams was arrested later this day.

A preliminary investigation indicates Williams molested the children, ranging in age from 7 to 10 years old — and filmed them engaging in sexual activity between March and June 1985, authorities said.

Authorities said Williams gave the children liquor before and during the sexual activity. The children were either neighbors or friends of Williams' 8-year-old stepson.

Churchill said Williams can be heard on the tapes instructing the children how to perform sexual acts.

Asked if Williams intended to sell the tapes, Churchill replied: "Whatever he is going to do with these tapes, I don't think he had the opportunity."

Churchill and Haine both said the investigation is continuing and that still more victims may be found.

Beating

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Both men were taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. Morris was flown to a St. Louis area hospital via helicopter.

"At first it didn't look like Mr. Morris was going to make it. He is very critical and he may lose his sight," Ruebhausen said Friday.

Ruebhausen said police believe there were two assailants.

Death

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Oberbeck repeatedly about the face in Derr's Nevada Avenue home, contributing to Oberbeck's death, and then dumped the body near the intersection of Interstate 270 and Riverview Drive in north St. Louis.

Madison County State's Attorney William Haine said Oberbeck, former manager of Gen's 140 Club, was an alcoholic and his blood alcohol level was .30 or more — at least three times the level considered too intoxicated to legally drive — at the time of his death. Haine said Oberbeck's intoxicated state aggravated the situation and contributed to the death.

"The forensic scientist in St. Louis said the blow would not have been lethal if the victim wasn't intoxicated," Haine said. "We cannot, based on the testimony of the physician doing the autopsy... charge him with murder."

"We all have difficulties in life — crosses to bear — and Mr. Oberbeck had one of his own: alcohol addiction," Haine said.

Oberbeck's body was discovered in North St. Louis more than three years ago, but St. Louis authorities had no luck in tracking down a suspect.

Sheriff Bob Churchill, who

said Oberbeck had been a personal friend, had his department take over the case. He described Oberbeck as friendly and especially proud of his son.

"He was such a pleasant person. He was cordial to everyone who walked in (to the 140 Club)," Churchill said.

Churchill said a person who had been a suspect in the case had been taken forward with evidence linking Derr to the crime, and that Derr made a statement implicating himself in the death.

Derr, who once lived in Bethalto and was acquainted with Oberbeck, had been in the area for the past year and a half, Churchill said.

Sources familiar with the investigation said Oberbeck had last been seen alive at the 140 Club, where he was manager, and where Derr had been there on the night in question.

Oberbeck was last seen alive leaving the restaurant with an unidentified man in the early morning hours of Aug. 14.

His body was discovered across the river by a junk collector about 12 hours later.

Churchill said Derr and Oberbeck went to the Nevada Avenue residence and an argument ensued. He declined to say what caused the confrontation, but sources familiar with the investigation said Ober-

beck owed Derr money.

Derr has a long criminal record that includes convictions for aggravated battery and burglary. He is currently on parole for a violent marijuana offense, Haine said.

"This was a long, involved, 3½-year investigation by the Sheriff's Department, assisted by Bethalto police. It has been a wearying effort and filled with frustration," Haine said.

Churchill agreed, adding that the multiple jurisdictions involved made the investigation difficult.

He said the case was "one of the three toughest homicides cases" since he's been sheriff.

He said that some law enforcement agencies had taken heat in the media because of a perception that nothing was being done to solve the crime.

"I hope the people who were fast to criticize us will be fast to compliment us... The confidentiality among the officers involved in the investigation immensely," Churchill said.

Haine said his office will seek prison time for Derr and seek consecutive sentences — the maximum allowed by law — for the other two men.

Under that scenario, Derr could face up to 10 years in prison if convicted.

"We will pursue this with zeal," Haine said.

Saturday classes planned

Classes ranging from tole painting to customer relations are offered as Saturday.

Decorative workshops this spring at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Rd. in Granite City.

Each of these noncredit courses will meet on a Saturday or a weekday. Some classes will meet only once, while others will meet for several sessions. Tuition and supply costs will vary depending on the class. Tuition must be paid before the first day of class; however, supply fees must be paid to the instructor on the first day of class.

Classes starting the week of Feb. 17 include:

Arts and Crafts — Tole Painting: The Bunny Family, 12:30 to 3 p.m., one session, room 526. Learn beginning tole painting and create a trio of antique-looking bunnies. The fee is \$9. Supplies are \$9.

Personal and Professional — Customer Relations, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., one session, room 516. Learn quick, effective ways to improve interpersonal skills. The fee is \$11. No supplies are needed.

Organize, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., two sessions, room 521. Learn the basics of time management, including several proven management methods. The fee is \$14.

The Cook's Corner — Gourmet Cheesecake, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Thursdays, Feb. 22 and 29, GCC kitchen. Learn Chef Olie Sommer's secrets to New York Style Cheesecake. The fee is \$18. Supplies are \$5.

For more information, contact Joyce Nyerges, GCC community services coordinator, at 831-0600, extension 644; or toll-free in Illinois at 1 (800) BAC-5131, extension 441.

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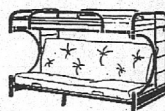


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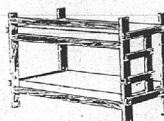
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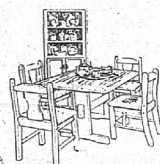
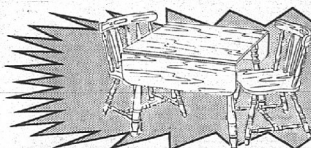
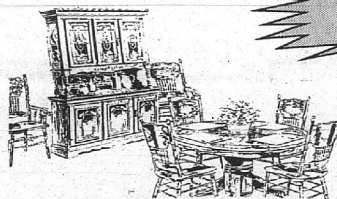


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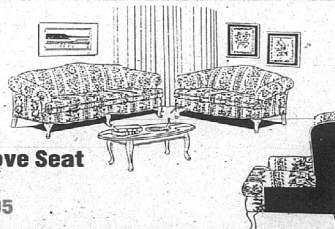
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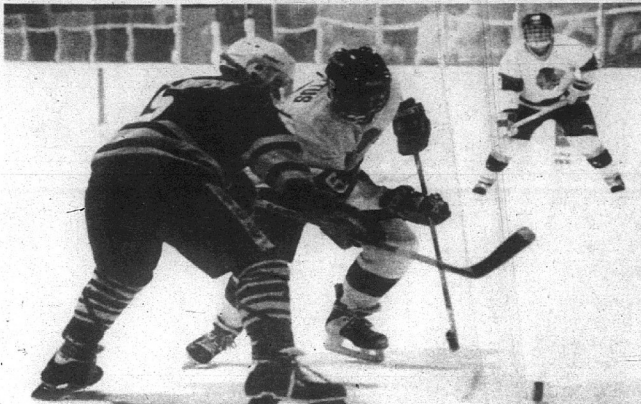
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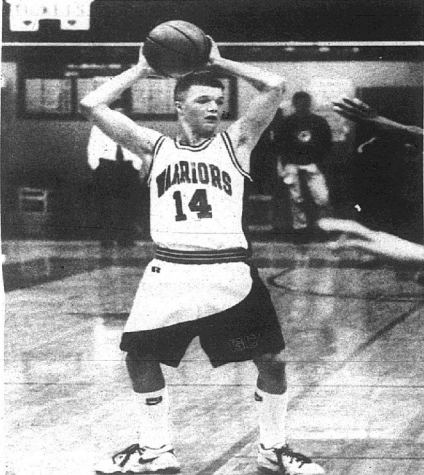
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Stats 'n' stuff



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Bryan Loftus (right) tries to work the puck free. The Warriors improved to 15-2 with Monday's 10-4 win over McCluer.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

GCCHS senior Steve Logan looks to pass. The Warriors were scheduled to play Wood River in the Salem Invitational on Saturday.

GC Park District

(Jan. 7)	
Basketball	
Wednesday	
Sports Print	3-0
Jacobmeyers	4-1
Cat Daddies	2-1
Tru-Value Hardware	2-2
Strichy Business	1-2
Pizza Chef	1-2
Armageddon	0-3
Scores	
Sports Print 76, Cat Daddies 49	
Tru-Value Hardware 2, Jacobmeyers 7	
Pizza Chef 2, Strichy Business 0	
Thursday Red	
K of C	4-1
St. Louis Rush	4-1
Bindy's	4-1
Rookies	1-3
Kramden's I	1-3
Kramden's II	0-5
Scores	
St. Louis Rush 67, Rookies 56	
Bindy's 79, Kramden's I 59	
K of C 80, Kramden's II 68	
Bindy's 84, K of C 62	
St. Louis Rush 52, Kramden's II 44	
Thursday Blue	
Burn's Liquors	5-0
Electric Mud Puppies	4-0

Basketball

Belleville East Invitational	
Tuesday, Jan. 16	
Game 1: Carbondale 79, Althoff 62	
Game 2: Belleville East 90, O'Fallon 68	
Wednesday, Jan. 17	
Game 3: Highland 69, Cahokia 64	
Game 4: Belleville West 62, Jennings (Mo.) 60	
Thursday, Jan. 18	
Game 5: Althoff 70, O'Fallon 61	
Game 6: Belleville East 96, Carbondale 88	
Friday, Jan. 19	
Game 7: Cahokia vs. Jennings, 7 p.m.	
Game 8: Highland vs. Belleville West, 8:30	
Saturday, Jan. 20	
Game 9: Consolation — Althoff vs. Winner Game 7, 5:30	
Game 10: Third place — Carbondale vs. Loser Game 8, 7:30	

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Game 11: Title — Belleville East vs. Winner Game 8, 8:30	
Sparta Mid-Winter Classic	
Tuesday, Jan. 16	
Game 1: Triad 72, Venice 60	
Game 2: Sparta 46, Waterloo 38	
Wednesday, Jan. 17	
Game 3: Sparta 68, Lebanon 45	
Game 4: Waterloo 56, Venice 48	
Thursday, Jan. 18	
Game 5: Triad vs. Lebanon, 6:30	
Game 6: Venice vs. Sparta, 8:30	
Saturday, Jan. 20	
Game 7: Triad vs. Waterloo, noon	
Game 8: Lebanon vs. Venice, 1:30	
Game 9: Lebanon vs. Waterloo, 6:30	
Game 10: Sparta vs. Triad, 8:30	

Terry Eddleman Billiard League

Men's League	
Standings after 17 weeks	
A Division	
Lenny's	1901
Besserman's	1826
Gabby's	1803
Inn Between	1786
Old Bridge	1718
Fourth Street	1708
B Division	
Gabby's 114, Al's 520 91	
Side Pocket 111, Inn Between 92	
Fourth St. 115, Lenny's 112	
Run From Break	
Mike Reagan (Gabby's)	
Bill Hunt (Gabby's)	

Women's League	
Standings after 17 weeks	
A Division	
Side Pocket	1914
Sports Tap	1891
Sammy's	1887
Wayside #1	1841
Old Bridge	1810
Mama's Boyz	1779
Wayside #2	1758
Village Inn	1702
Buzz's	1642
B Division	
Wayside #1 109, Besserman's 106	
Village Inn 99, Wayside #2 80	
Old Bridge 121, Buzz's 101	
Sports Tap 131, Sammy's 84	
Side Pocket 114, Mama's Boyz 107	
Run From Break	
Terry Wyle (Sports Tap)	
Ken Wallace (Side Pocket)	

Eight Ball on Break	
Ken Wallace (Side Pocket)	
C Division	
Finish Line	1930
Mac's Bar	1822
El Gato	1813
Jim & Lu's	1809
Al's 520	1807
Don & Brenda's	1804
Inn Between	1781
Sammy's	1781
Sports Tap	1734
Run From Break	
Mike Williams (Sammy's)	
John Mistrak (Inn Between)	

D Division	
Xtra Innings	1902
Serrano	1859
Killians Inn	1844
Village Inn	1839
The V Lounge	1819
Steel Inn	1801
Keith's	1768
E Division	
Eddie's Lounge	1922
Hooch & Sixteen	1886
Fourth Street	1882
T.J.'s Saloon	1868
McMurphy's	1819
Ken's Lounge	1812
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Tip Top	279
Xtra Innings	272

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Hockey

Mid-States Club Hockey Association

Standings (As of Jan. 17)

Tier I	
Red Division	
Team	W-L-T Pts GF GA
Webster Groves	14-1-2 30 84 25
Parkway South	12-3-1 25 70 36
Parkway Central	8-7-2 20 71 72
Parkway West	5-7-4 14 42 60
Kirkwood	0-11-1 13 52 69
Parkway North	1-10-1 3 42 104

Tier II	
Blue Division	
Team	W-L-T Pts GF GA
DeSmet	13-2-2 28 93 30
Besserman's	12-2-2 28 88 26
Vianney	10-2-5 25 68 37
Chaminade	12-4-1 25 77 42
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Individual Scoring	
Player, Team	G A Pts
John Gilbert, Webster Groves	21 24 45
Andy Croak, Parkway South	21 14 35
Scott Brandes, Webster	21 13 34
Tom Fox, Parkway South	11 20 31
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Warriors

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Buskirk said, "I'm not sure what's causing the problem now. I don't know if it's a question of attitude or not. But somebody has to step up and be able to make a play when we need it."

With games on Thursday postponed because of inclement weather, the schedule at Salem has changed—although the Warriors' game time did not.

Granite City (6-10) was scheduled to play Wood River at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. Teams in the other bracket, which were scheduled to play Thursday night, played Friday instead.

If the Warriors were able to defeat Wood River, which was 2-9 going into the game, they would move on to play at 7:30 p.m. Monday for the consolation championship.

"The Wood River game is a must for us," Van Buskirk said. "Not only do we need to make a positive step at this point, they'll be in our regional, and if we lose to them we could find ourselves way down the list when it comes to seeding the teams."

Edwardsville, Charleston, Mt. Vernon and Effingham made up the other bracket at Salem. If the Warriors defeated Wood River, they could look forward to playing one of those teams in the consolation championship.

"We watched Wood River play Centralia, and they're not a terrible team," Van Buskirk said. "They may be able to do what Salem did, and that's work the ball inside for easy layups."

"They were able to do that too easily, and it was just devastating to our defense. We played a terrible first half against Salem, and that's where we were better in the second quarter. But when it's 47-47 with two minutes left in the game, you have to do individually and as a team what it takes to win the game in that situation."



(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

Granite City senior Jeff Wallis pulls up for a shot. The Warriors fell 58-47 to Salem in the opening round of the Salem Invitational.

Van Buskirk said he was happy to have Kyle Briggs back in the lineup, although Briggs' doctor is limiting his playing time to four minutes per quarter.

"He didn't score any points, and it was just like his first game of the year," Van Buskirk said. "But I wasn't

expecting anything from him either, considering what's transpired."

"We don't have a superstar who can carry us. Our team has to be operating on all five cylinders. If one person on the team is having an off night, it really affects the whole team."



(Photo by PAUL BAILLARGEON)

Venice coach Clinton Harris gathers with his players after the Devils' fourth-place finish at the Columbia-Treborg Holiday Tournament last month.

Devils

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Harris said the Devils need to stay positive and keep working.

"We're still playing better now than we were earlier in the season, when we had five of six games at home and only won twice," Harris said. "It seems like we've been on the road forever, and we've played a lot of very good teams along the way."

"The last thing we need to do is start getting down on ourselves. We're a good team, we've had a hard schedule and we're young."

The other Bulldogs at the tourney, Waterloo, got 23 points from Darrin Davis on Wednesday, mostly from the outside. Three other Bulldogs reached double figures—Dan

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—Clinton Harris
Venice coach

Pauline scored 11, and Clint Pauline and Brett Gross each had 10.

With only 46 points in all, the Devils had few offensive highlights in the game. Still, Kevin Roberts has been a model of consistency, and he scored 14 points to lead Venice.

"It's really the only one I

can count on to produce night in, night out," Harris said. "But we've had others who have shown they are capable of stepping up at times. We just need to keep working and improve ourselves. There's still time."

By time, Harris is referring to the regionals, which begin in about five weeks. He's still convinced the Devils will be heard from during the postseason.

"That's the main thing, and that's what you work all season for—the regionals," Harris said. "Our record is disappointing, so that's what we've focused on now. We want to keep improving game by game, and have our game ready for the postseason."

Sports shorts

Bowl for Kids' Sake
League bowlers are invited to participate in the 1996 Bowl for Kids' Sake event, sponsored by Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois in partnership with the Bowling Proprietors Association.

Participating bowling centers include Bowl Haven in Alton, Bowl Inn in East Alton, Wood River Bowl, Airport Plaza Bowl in Bethalto and Bel-Air and St. Clair Bowl in Belleville. League bowlers can get sponsors and scores will be taken from regular league games during the week of Feb. 18-24. Sponsors will be solicited beginning Jan. 28.

Prizes for top money raisers include a computer, tickets to Kiel Center, two round-trip tickets to a Southwestern Airlines destination and a stay at a luxury condo in Chicago. The money raised will be used to recruit, screen and match volunteers with kids waiting for a Big Brother or Big Sister. A portion of the funds raised will also go to the Youth Bowling Scholarship program.

Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois serves the children of St. Clair and Madison Counties.

For more information, contact a participating bowling center or call Big Brothers-Big Sisters at 465-4041 in Alton or 332-3102 in Belleville.

High school league offered
The Granite City Park District would like to start a high school age basketball league. A minimum of four teams would be needed to get the league started.

The league would be held at the Lincoln Place Community Center gymnasium on Thursdays at 7:45 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. each week for six weeks. The cost will be \$100 per team for six games and effort will be made to get them all a team.

Pontoon leagues forming
The Pontoon Beach Khoury League Inc. is offering slots for T-ball, baseball and softball leagues. The leagues will be held at the Pontoon Beach Village Hall on Illinois 111.

Signups will continue through the month of January. Registration and March, on Wednesday

and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Interested parties should bring birth certificate and photograph.

For more information, call Ida at 797-5477 or Tracy at 793-1291.

Youth league signups
The Granite City Park District is now taking sign-ups for boys and girls wanting to play youth baseball or ponytail softball.

This does include T-Ball leagues. Names are placed on a list and teams are formed from the list, or managers who need players will fill their team rosters from the list. Boys of girls who will be 7 years of age to 10 years may also have their names put on a list and every 10 days.

Anyone interested in managing a youth baseball or softball team should also call or stop in the park office as managers are always needed. For more information, call the Wilson Park Office at 277-5500.

Softball meetings set
The Granite City Park District's Women's and Co-Ed soft-

ball organizational meeting for 1996 will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Harold Brown Recreational Center on Franklin Avenue.

The meeting is for managers of teams in last year's program and for those who would like to manage a team this year. For more information, call 877-3059.

Basketball coaches needed
The Granite City Park District is planning to start a junior high school age basketball program. But before the program can begin, the Park District must know if there is a sufficient number of coaches who would be available to manage the participants.

The program would be held at the Lincoln Place Community Center on Tuesday evenings from 7:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. each week for approximately six weeks.

Volunteer coaches are an important part of any Park District recreational program, and without the coaches' time and effort, the children will have no opportunity to participate. Anyone interested should call 877-3059.

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But the really, really good secretary is a rare breed. He or she is willing to go that extra mile to make sure everything runs smoothly — not just at the office but also for the boss's personal life.

As part of our monthly "Best Bet" feature, where we seek the best of a particular category, we're asking readers of the *Granite City Press-Record* and *Granite City Journal* to vote for their favorite secretary.

Nominations for Best Bet can come from any community in the Granite City coverage area, including Madison, Venice, Pontoon Beach, Mitchell and Brooklyn.

To vote, call 344-2540 before 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4. You will be asked to leave a recorded vote. Vote only once please.

Please include the name of the person you think is the best secretary, as well as where he or she works. After you've voted, hang up and your vote will be recorded.

The winner will be announced in the Feb. 1 edition of the *Press-Record*.

So if you know a secretary who always reminds the boss about his or her anniversary or spouse's birthday, who knows how to keep the boss looking good and manages to keep the wolves from the door, we want to hear about it.

In last month's Best Bet contest, for best kindergarten teacher, Lee Ann Kinney of Prather Elementary School took top honors.

My view

It's time to pay for holiday play

I had a great holiday season. I celebrated with old friends and new. I didn't miss a party, or even a rumor of a party for weeks.

I cheerfully downed cocktails, beer-dinner drinks, after-dinner drinks, and nightcaps with friends, relatives and anyone who happened to be in the area.

I devoured chip dip, appetizers, ham, turkey, dressing and home-made cookies by the dozen.

Tuesday morning as I was



Don Miller

dressing for work I got a good look at myself in the mirror.

The party's over. My always-round little body has ballooned out to

record-setting proportions. My spare tire has a spare tire. If I dressed in red, I could pass for a fire plug.

It's time to diet and perhaps exercise. Oh, how I hate those words. (If God really wanted us to diet and exercise, why would he give us cars and chip dip?)

Yesterday I got out my list of diet foods that I enjoy or at least tolerate. It is a very short list.

I thumbed through my wife's list of diets. There's the rice

diet (ugh), the popcorn diet (can I have more buttered?), the liquid diet (I had an uncle that spent 40 years on a liquid diet, but he kept falling off stools a lot), ad infinitum.

I retrieved my exercise clothes from the back of the closet where I threw them last summer.

There's an old expression that there is no gain without pain. In this case, I have already had the gain, now comes the pain. Bah, humbug!

Volunteers needed to help at Spay Day USA

TO THE EDITOR:

What would you say if someone told you that Madison County could have \$18 in the future for every \$1 it spent today? And, what if doing so would help alleviate a problem that has become a horrible and tragic burden for Madison County and the entire country?

Millions of dogs and cats are killed each year because there are not enough good homes for them. However, unlike most of society's problems, this situation has a simple answer.

Responsible citizens can spay or neuter their pets, and the problem will disappear.

It can cost a local animal control facility or humane society up to \$100 for each unwanted animal brought in, a financial burden which is carried by the entire community. On the other hand, spaying or neutering an animal costs much less and makes economic sense. Each dollar spent today on spaying and neutering will save approximately \$18 on animal control by the year 2004.

Our community will be participating in the second "Spay Day USA" on Feb. 27 as part of an ongoing effort, sponsored by the Doris Day Animal League, to have dogs and cats spayed and neutered. (More than 28,000 dogs and cats were neutered in February 1995, the first-ever Spay Day which means millions of unwanted births will be prevented.)

Volunteers are needed, and Madison County residents can sign up now to join Spay Day USA and save lives. Information is available from Spay Day USA, Doris Day Animal League, Suite 100, 227 Massachusetts Ave. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. You can call (202) 546-1761 or FAX to (202) 546-2193.

We have signed on in support of Spay Day USA. We hope other Madison County citizens do as well.

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King Day marchers make a statement

Monday was a national holiday set aside to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

For the past two years, I have taken a vacation day to celebrate with the rest of the country. I made a commitment in 1995 that if I took the day off, I would not sit at home,

watch television and sleep late. I vowed to really celebrate.

I attended the rally at the Old Courthouse in downtown St. Louis. And each year, we left feeling uplifted and inspired. I even felt that we could overcome hatred and injustice.

Last year, we also attended a second program in East St. Louis. But this year, we opted for participation in the St. Louis march that follows the rally. It was a moving experience.

I couldn't help but recall what my elderly cousin, with whom I lived as a teen-ager, told me as I left for college. It wasn't a discussion about sexual promiscuity or grades. It was about marching.

"Don't be a part of a group or faction out there marching," she said several times.

She remembered the Kent State tragedy in which



Bonita Tillman

students involved in a peaceful demonstration were shot down by police officers although they were wielding no weapons or threatening police.

She remembered stories of civil rights leaders in the south who were hosed down by police officers and shot and hung and bitten by police dogs and beaten.

She remembered our country's past and she didn't want me to become a notation on a history page of what happened to those who dared to speak out, dared to question the status quo.

What I could not make her understand was that I WAS part of the crowd.

Although my march experience last week was, by no means, equal to those led by Dr. King, in our own little way, I and the thousand or so other marchers of various nationalities felt we were making a statement. Despite what racists want to believe, there are thousands more of us who have not forgotten the words and dreams of Dr. King.

Although the march made me feel unified with others for the same cause, I also realize it does not take a national holiday to incite a march. We can march individually everyday of our lives toward equality, peace and unity in how we treat each other. By doing that, we can not only keep the dream alive, but fulfill it as well.

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Being the procrastinators we are, the first step of drawing up a will many times is never taken. One fact many people do not realize is that everyone has an estate, regardless of whether a valid will has been executed.

If a person dies intestate, in example, either no will was drafted or the will was revoked or otherwise annulled prior to death. Each state has intestate succession statutes that distribute the probate property in such way as to primarily protect the surviving spouse and children. These

Brian Mulhall



statutes were developed in order to allow the spouse and children some form of assets so as not to become a burden upon the state.

If a person dies intestate, there is a prescribed order of disposition to the heirs of the deceased person. Usually, primary consideration is given to the surviving spouse.

Generally, a surviving spouse would receive the majority of the decedent's estate if there are living children or parents. If there is

no spouse, surviving children may inherit the entire estate in equal shares. Next in line are the parents of the decedent. If there is a spouse but no children, the parents generally share the probate estate with the surviving spouse. Brothers and sisters come next in line and so on. The order is a rigid one.

These intestacy statutes do not provide for inheritances for friends, business associates or charities. Adequate provisions are not always made for the surviving spouse. Relatives of an individual who dies intestate are shocked, angered and financially hurt by the controls put on the decedent's assets by the court. No amount of persuasion can alter the statutory scheme or convince the court that the decedent meant for the property to pass to other persons.

A valid will is the most basic legal instrument in estate planning. If you wish to have control over the disposition of your probate property, take the first step and have a will drawn up if you do not already have one. If you do, review it from time to time to be certain it reflects your wishes. Finally, seek professional assistance from an attorney who specializes in estate planning. This individual can also assist you with drawing up all the paperwork for your estate, including a durable power of attorney and living will, just to name a few. In addition, they can evaluate if a living trust may be better for your situation.

— Brian Mulhall is a partner with America Group Financial Services. His local telephone number is 692-9383.



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Celebration — Present to celebrate Mrs. Seibold's Bakery's 75th anniversary were, from left, Janet Mills of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, Mike Seibold, Carol Jones, Granite City Mayor Ron Selph, Della Seibold and Ed Seibold, chamber Executive Vice President R C Bush and Ed Besserman of the chamber. Production manager Larry Seibold is not pictured.



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Home grown — Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President R C Bush, Pontoon Beach building inspector Jim Hill, Mayor Glen Wilson, Cardinal Carpports owner Dennis Linkemart, Village Clerk Mary Rowden and Chamber Women's Division President Robin Thomas cut the ribbon at Cardinal Carpports. Operating out of Jethrow's Auto Sales on State 162, Cardinal Carpports offers hard-panel carpports with a 20-year guarantee. The custom-built carpports are made at Granite City Steel.

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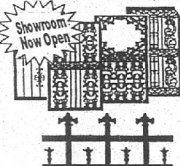
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Pop quiz

Water flows in many song titles and lyrics

By Bill Beggs
Correspondent

H2O A GO-GO: Dripping, splashing, flowing, raining or pouring, there's water, water everywhere in pop music. H2O has been the solution to many a songwriter's lyrical dilemma, whether "rolling down the river" or tracing "The Tracks Of My Tears."

1. "Splish Splash" was a No. 3 hit in *Billboard's* Top 40 in the summer of 1958 for what singer?

2. Frankie Ford, with Huey "Piano" Smith & The Clowns, had only one Top 40 hit, with what No. 14 song from the spring of 1959?

3. "Waterfalls" was one of the biggest No. 1 hits of 1995, for what female R&B trio?

4. Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton joined voices and hit No. 1 in the fall of 1983, with what song?

5. What group hit No. 3 in the fall of 1992 with "November Rain"?

6. What song by Eric Clapton held the No. 2 slot for four weeks in the spring of 1992?

7. Who hit No. 1 in the winter of 1977 with "Car Wash"?

8. What was the No. 1 hit in the late spring of 1975 for Freddy Fender?

9. What song by the Fifth Dimension topped the chart for six weeks in the spring of 1969?

10. Who hit No. 6 in the spring of 1965 with "Perry Cross The Mersey"? (Extra credit: In this week's intro we refer to a song lyric and a song title. A. From what classic is the lyric taken? B. With a surname appropriate to this week's theme, who charted highest with this song?)

Answers: 1. Bobby Darin; 2. "The Tracks Of My Tears"; 3. TLC; 4. "Smile"; 5. "Smile"; 6. "Smile"; 7. "Car Wash"; 8. "Car Wash"; 9. "The Tracks Of My Tears"; 10. "Perry Cross The Mersey".

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Sunday, Jan. 21
The new moon's transit of Uranus in Aquarius personifies the revolutionary event field of the new millennium. Old fogies feel like boogying, traveling and going back to work. Young folks bring home unusual friends and test you with new ideas that are boldly stated.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Rise and shine the world is waiting for your creative influence. A child helps you see with new eyes. Positive thinking is key. A cheerful person who can help will be drawn to you. Old friends bring luck.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Possessions you are finished with may be of use to others. Hold out for bargains, or use family contacts in hunting for a major purchase. True love may conflict with family duties—follow your heart.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Seek information that will help you set realistic goals—libraries and young, involved friends are good sources. Enjoyable calls and flattering invitations are part of the fun. Psychic flashes bring laughter, too.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Exceptionally fine romantic prospects are ahead for several weeks. Enjoy special moments with children—a creative shared may make a memory forever. Ask your mate for his or her opinions and advice.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 21). Big breaks come suddenly throughout '96. Charisma precedes you into new ventures in February.

Listen to your head rather than your heart in March and April—an intuitive investigation leads to a fantastic find in July. A summer romance can be the real thing. A big purchase is a big thrill in August. By your next birthday, you have new goals and wonderful new relationships.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Outline a job-hunting strategy—include training classes where new information and new friends await. Home tasks can be handled with surprising dispatch. Start diets now with your doctor's OK. Exude confidence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't worry—a misunderstanding between you and your mate or a close friend can be fixed, but do it today or tomorrow. Organize your money, and enlist family labor in home projects. It's a lucky day—take a chance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A shadow from the past is about to clear. Have a friend help with big physical tasks. Show off your culinary skills for your family—your comfort yourself by caring for others. New studies produce excellent results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Astute analysis is the key to wise decisions in the days ahead. Original ideas are potential sources of profit. Journeys and books begun today take you into fascinating new territory. An in-law plays a critical role.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your dad and other father figures (you may have several) are willing to help in the weeks ahead. A promotion may not be formal, but your prestige with the movers and shakers is growing. Be the mature one in a love dispute.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Powerful friendships are boosted in the weeks ahead. Tasty dishes mark gatherings today. Don't miss a chance to heal an old breach because this relative or friend will soon play a key role.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Enjoy a little peace and quiet—make a self-improvement resolution. Call an old pal who's better off your mind. Let your family come first. Today is a particularly great day to drop a habit you've outgrown.

Robert De Niro suffers adoration headache

Posing for publicity photos, Robert De Niro the actor goes through his entire repertoire of signature gestures: the seemingly benign shoulder roll, the squinty smile; the cocked eyebrow, the pursed lips and questioning eyes; the shrug, the glare, the scowl.

Then Robert De Niro the man speaks up. "I've got a splitting headache," he says, his voice strained, attempting a smile and faling. Surrendering himself to the media machine for one of his latest films, "Casino," De Niro loses all hope of enjoying a stress-free day.

Everybody wants a piece of him. It's not easy being Bob. — At a packed news conference De Niro squirmed through a pop-photo flash photo frenzy, then took the heat from pal Joe Pesci, who jokingly called him a prima donna, a dumb-bell gambler and a tax cheat.

— A reporter wearing rainbow-striped Versace jeans seriously wanted De Niro's reaction to Sharon Stone, his love interest in the film, calling him a great kisser.

— A constantly-talking fan who followed De Niro off the elevator talked to him nonstop like they actually knew each other and then got huffy when the actor left him in the hallway without saying goodbye.

— Then there's the headache and, worst of all, De Niro's room

service order took more than an hour to show up.

But he's not complaining. After all, Bob is a very busy guy. He also stars in Michael Mann's "Heat," with Al Pacino and Val Kilmer, and he's making "Marvin's Room" with Meryl Streep. He loves his job.

"YOU GET TO DO WHAT YOU WANT. You get paid a lot of money. You have a lot of freedom. You get to do what you want," he says, his words trailing off into a skeptical, ironic grin as he realizes the day's endless media chores contradict him.

He finishes his thought with a shrug, the same careless De Niro shrug seen in probably all of his films, a simple, unaffected mannerism that reveals an abiding acceptance of things he cannot control, of life's inherent folly.

Then he throws in a familiar De Niro smile, the one that looks like he's starting to laugh but never goes further than that. Maybe it's just the headache, but De Niro hardly ever finishes the same sentence he starts, speaking slowly and frequently getting sidetracked, switching back to the original train of thought, then hopping off again all without taking a breath.

He does not mention the fact, which will be announced later, that he recently had become a father. He's sharing parental duties of twin boys with former sweetheart Toukie Smith (they'll still live apart), after the children's delivery by a surrogate mother.

But you can't fault De Niro if he feels like a target and claims up. Nobody is bigger.

HE WON HIS FIRST ACADEMY AWARD in 1974, as best supporting actor for "The Godfather Part II." A half-dozen years later, he won as best actor for "Raging Bull."

De Niro received Oscar nominations for work in four other films: "Taxi Driver," "The Deer Hunter," "Awakenings" and "Cape Fear."

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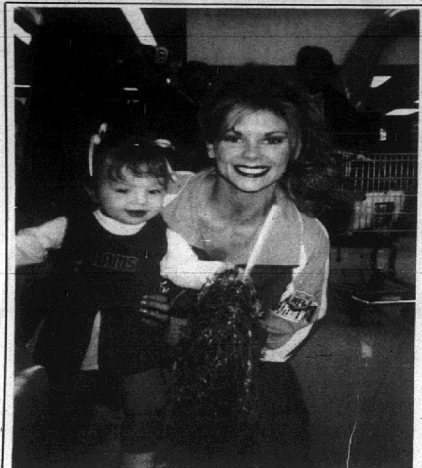
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Rah rah — St. Louis Rams cheerleader Melissa Pennell gave pointers to Alexis Nolan, a future professional cheerleader, at a promotional event held recently at the Granite City Wal-Mart. Pennell is a teacher at Wilson Elementary School in Granite City. Nolan, the 16-month-old daughter of Benny and Rhonda Nolan, currently holds three national pageant titles. Both Nolan and Pennell are lifelong residents of Granite City.

Births

Justin James
Greg and Priscilla James of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Justin Taylor was born at 11:03 a.m. Oct. 13, 1995, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

His maternal grandparents are Vernon and Doris Brown of Granite City. Lee and Phyllis James of Granite City are the paternal grandparents.

Tyler Ashcraft
Jeffrey and Katherine Ashcraft of Glen Carbon have announced the birth of their second child, a son. Tyler Wayne was born at 9:32 a.m. Oct. 14, 1995, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and joins Brittany, 22 months.

His maternal grandparents are Gehrig Kuntz and Barbara Kuntz, both of Glen Carbon. John Ashcraft and Carolyn Ashcraft, both of Collinsville,

are the paternal grandparents.

Collin Hose
Richard and Kelli Hose of Alton have announced the birth of their third child, a son.

Collin Mathew was born at 4:25 p.m. Oct. 18, 1995, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 5 pounds, 2½ ounces and joins Andrew, 3, and Blake, 18 months.

Trice Seyler of Collinsville is the maternal grandmother. The paternal grandmother is Sandy Gilbert of Alton.

Donald Gray
Donald and Tabitha Gray of Granite City have announced the birth of a son. Donald Eugene III was born at 12:32 p.m. Oct. 19, 1995, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and joins Jesse, 3.

His maternal grandparents are Howard Spiroff and Janet Watts, both of Fairview Heights.

Donald and Yvonne Gray of Granite City are the paternal grandparents.

Business and Professional Women busy this past year

Public relations hosted the August business meeting of the Granite City Business and Professional Women at Jerry's Cafeteria in Granite City.

Twenty-five members, plus two guests from Highland, Mary Ann Gould, District 14 director, and Mary Rottman, attended. A speaker from the Phoenix Crisis Center, along with two women who had been helped by the center, spoke about their experiences.

The September meeting was hosted by the membership committee. Thirty-six members and guests attended. Representing the Chamber of Commerce were Robin Thomas, Linda Reese, Bev Partney and Kathy Goclan. The Cahokia BPW president, Maxine Elmore, also attended. In addition, Karen Warfield, Gale Hoedbeck and Priscilla Foster were guests.

The speaker of the evening was Kathy Clark, a member of the local organization since 1986. Her topic was "Memberships, Recruiting and Retention of Members." She is employed as manager of human resources at Spectralite Consortium Inc. in Madison.

The October meeting was hosted by the legislation committee and held at Jerry's Cafeteria. The speaker was Debbie Saltich, Madison County clerk. Her topic was "Women's Issues in the Illinois State Legislature." She also presented some facts on voting laws.

Thirty members attended the November meeting, with Rella Knapp of Violets and Vinery demonstrating different ways you can use items from your home in floral arrangements, plus bow making and other Christmas ideas.

It was reported that the group now has 57 members. Plans were made to have members donate personal items to be given to women at the Phoenix Crisis Center. Lisa Fanning, immediate past president, was chairman with those on her committee being Ramona Burnett, Hazel Rollins and Van Stuart.

The nominating committee consists of Cathy Jung, chairman; Linda Wense and Ruby Dickinson.

Georgia Engelage of Old Six Mile Historical Society brought the Granite City Centennial Book and told of the preparation of the book.

Jung, who is also style show chairman, reported a big success. It was held Nov. 4 at the Sunset Hills Country Club in Edwardsville. Approximately 225 guests attended. Thirty attendance prizes were awarded, which had been donated by the members and local merchants. The 1996 year has been finalized and the style show will be held Nov. 2 at Sunset Hills Country Club.

The December Christmas party was canceled because of the weather. However, Kathy Clark went to those members wishing to donate to the community service project — the Phoenix Crisis Center — and collected their gifts. This project resulted in seven women receiving a variety of personal items to make their Christmas a happier one.

Following are the dates and the tentative speakers for the remainder of this term:

Feb. 21, "Women Discriminating Against Women," presented by Erin Reilly, attorney at law.

March 20, "Scholarship Awardees — Then and Now," hosted by the foundation committee.

April 17, "The Fourth Annual Talent Show," hosted by the ways and means committee. There will also be a boxed luncheon auction.

May 15, Installation of officers for 1996-97.

If you wish to attend any of these meetings, they start at 6:30 p.m. at Jerry's Cafeteria, unless otherwise noted in the newspaper. The cost is \$8.50. Reservations are required by calling Becky Slate at 452-5391.

In uniform

Robert Zinkan
Army Staff Sergeant Robert A. Zinkan has arrived for duty at Coleman Barracks, Germany. Zinkan, a motor transport operator, is the son of Shirley M. Zinkan of Granite City. He is a 1983 graduate of Granite City High School North.

Robert Gaddy
Army Specialist Robert A. Gaddy has completed the U.S. Army primary leadership development course at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Students received training in supervisory skills, leadership principles and small unit training techniques essential to a first-line supervisor in a technical or administrative environment. Gaddy is the son of William D. Gaddy and Felicia Gaddy,

both of Granite City.

J.H. Maitret
U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. J.H. Maitret was recently transferred from U.S. Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, Ariz., to the Marine Corps Recruiting Command, located at 12th and Spruce streets in St. Louis.

Maitret has been a member of the Marine Corps for the past 27 years. He is a Vietnam War veteran and has held several overseas assignments.

He and his wife, Debra, presently reside at Scott Air Force Base. They have two sons, Matthew and Mark. Matthew and his wife, Carla, reside in Berwyn, Ill. Mark attends the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Debra is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Osburn of Granite City.



AARP donation — Pauline Hanson, far left, president of the American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 1340 in Granite City, and Retta Lombardi, far right, community service chairman, presented checks to, from left, Denise Wright of Protestant Welfare, Karen Costello of Catholic Charities and Granite City Mayor Ron Selph, collecting for the Granite City Youth Center, during the AARP Christmas dance, held Dec. 13. AARP also took household items to the Phoenix Crisis Center.

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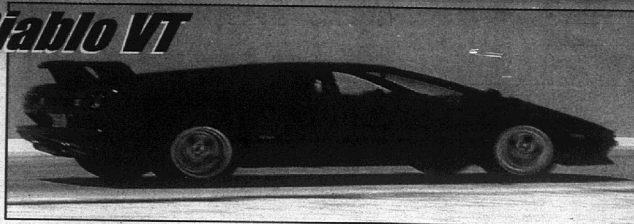
Exotic car featured at auto show

Some people would say the Lamborghini Diablo VT is Italy's premier work of art. This world-class touring vehicle will be on display at the Greater St. Louis International Auto Show. Introduced in 1990 with major re-engineering in 1994, the current Lamborghini Diablo VT features two new significant enhancements for driver and passenger comfort—a lighter clutch and deeper, wider seats. Through the use of hydraulics, Lamborghini engineers have redesigned the clutch, greatly improving its performance, reliability and movement. Drivers immediately notice how effortless it is to

depress and release for every day use.

This clutch is in stark contrast to what drivers of exotic automobiles experienced in the past," said Gianfranco Venturini, general manager of Automobili Lamborghini S.p.A. "Lamborghini will never settle for second best."

Interior comfort is enhanced by redesigned seats that are deeper



The Lamborghini Diablo VT.

and wider, resulting in increased headroom. The all-leather seats also provide greater lateral support and comfort.

The distinguishing technological trait of the Diablo VT is its use of a

variable four-wheel traction system. When the rear wheels begin to spin, surplus torque (up to 40 per-

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Cadillac to unveil Catera at auto show

Cadillac and Opel have teamed up to win the next generation of luxury car buyers with the introduction of the 1997 Catera, an entry-luxury auto with a distinctive German accent.

The first new model from Cadillac in years will be featured at the Greater St. Louis International Auto Show. Based on Opel's Omega MVE platform, Catera was developed jointly in Opel's Technical Development Center in Germany and Cadillac's world headquarters in Michigan. Truly international, the Catera will be built in Russelsheim, Germany, using components from General Motors British, French, German and North American suppliers.

"Development work by Cadillac and Opel has fine-tuned the vehicle for American roads, providing

responsive acceleration in stop-and-go driving, secure traction and stability in foul weather, and class-leading luxury," said General Motors' Cadillac Division general manager,

John Grettenberger. To suit American needs and tastes, standard equipment

includes remote, keyless entry, power seats and automatic climate control. While these features are still optional in Europe, they are considered in the cost of doing luxury car business in the U.S.

Extensive market research indicates that entry-luxury purchases will total more than 434,000 vehicles by the year 2000. Cadillac is



The 1997 Cadillac Catera.

the first U.S. automaker to appeal to this demographic. Now reaching their 40s and 50s, typical baby boomers started out driving small import vehicles. The more affluent now are beginning to buy and lease luxury vehicles in significant numbers.

The phrase "rational indulgence" summarizes the new target-market attitude toward cars. Boomers want an auto with impressive extras but they won't

buy a car that is obsessively expensive. Catera is designed to appeal to these buying factors.

Cadillac's national network of 1,500 dealers will provide the new buyers with many sales and service points.

To further support Catera, Cadillac will enhance its Ownership Privileges package and introduce even more customer-relations features closer to Catera's debut in the fall of 1996.

Auto show to open Jan. 24

The Greater St. Louis International Auto Show will run Jan. 24 through 28 at the Cervantes Convention Center and Trans World Dome.

More than 500 new domestic and imported cars, light trucks, sport-utility vehicles and vans will be featured at the auto show. Factory and dealer representatives will be on hand to answer questions.

Special attractions will include the Lamborghini Diablo VT and the introduction of the new Cadillac Catera.

The show will run from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Jan. 24 through 26; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Jan. 27; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 28.

Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$3 for children ages 6 through 12. Children younger than 6 will be admitted free.

Half-price coupons for opening day, Jan. 24, are available at Schnucks Markets. Discount coupons are available at participating auto dealers and Schnucks stores.

For information, call 1-800-258-8912.

People who attend the auto show will be able to meet St. Louis Rams players Fred Stokes, Sean Gilbert and D'Marco Farr, who will sign autographs at the Dodge Ram truck exhibit in the Trans World Dome.

Stokes will sign autographs from 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 25; Gilbert will be on hand from 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 26; and Farr will sign autographs from 1 to 3 p.m. Jan. 27.

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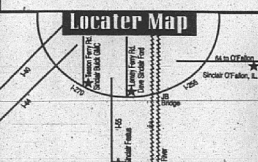
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Sport-utility vehicle popularity skyrocketing

Americans apparently love their sport-utility vehicles.

Last year, sales of SUVs amounted to 1.6 million vehicles, or 25 percent of the U.S. market. The Ford Explorer, Chrysler Jeep Grand Cherokee and Chevy Blazer lead the way. A flood of new models in an array of price ranges and sizes makes this the hottest automotive segment in years.

Auto manufacturers are betting hundreds of millions of dollars that car buyers' tastes have permanently shifted toward SUVs, also called "sport-utes."

Acura, Infiniti and Lexus are soon to enter the SUV market. Mercedes-Benz is building a factory in Alabama to make its AAV (All-Activity Vehicle) SUV, which is to go on sale in 1997. Meanwhile, Cadillac, Mercury — even Jaguar — are considering adding SUVs.

Acura
Acura plans to produce an Isuzu Trooper-based SUV scheduled to go on sale in December. It is to feature a two-tone paint job, automatic transmission and sell in the \$38,000 to \$42,000 bracket.

Cadillac
Cadillac also is considering entering the SUV market. The vehicle would be based on the full-size Chevrolet Tahoe-GMC Yukon. Behind the trademark Cadillac grill would be a version of Cadillac's dual-camshaft, Northstar V-8 engine instead of the overhead-valve V-6s used by Chevy and GMC.

While the Tahoe and Yukon both sell in the \$30,000 range, the Cadillac variant would sell for \$40,000 or more, right up there with such competitors as Range Rover and the new SUVs expected from Lincoln, Lexus, Infiniti and others.

Chevrolet
Chevrolet is one of the first manufacturers to catch the next wave in SUVs. With its Suburban, two different Tahoes and the Blazer, Chevy has the SUV universe covered, particularly with its Geo brand and the new four-door Tracker.

The four-door Tracker, like the two-door, has a new look

and a new interior for 1996. The four-door LSI comes equipped with power windows, mirrors and door locks. Both two-door and four-door models have dual air bags and offer anti-lock brakes.

Ford Explorer
The Explorer has been a success story since its introduction in 1991. For the first four months of 1995, Explorer captured 28 percent of the SUV market.

Explorers have been available only with 4.0-liter, V-6 engines. But a 310-horsepower V-8 is now available in the Explorer XLT. Four-wheel-drive versions of the Explorer

will be available later in the 1996 model year.

Scheduled to go on sale as a 1997 model is the Ford Expedition, basically an elongated version of the Bronco three-door.

GMC
GMC's big story for 1996 is added power for its V-8s. The 350 of the Yukon and Suburban has been increased by 50 horsepower to 250, and the 454 in the Suburban now puts out 290 horsepower, a jump of 60. The 1996 Jimmy powertrain has been stiffened; a rear-wheel-drive, two-door Yukon joins the lineup; and the Suburban gets rear heating ducts.

Honda
Honda's 1996 Passport arrives with the same changes car buyers will see on the 1996 Isuzu Rodeo, the Passport's mechanical twin. Foremost among these are a more powerful V-6 and front suspension arms adapted from the Isuzu Trooper. Drivers also are able to shift on the fly from two-wheel drive to four-wheel drive.

Infiniti
Infiniti's first SUV will hit the U.S. market in late 1996 or 1997. It will be based on Nissan's popular Pathfinder. (See SPORT, Page 3C)



Geo has created a new four-door Tracker model for 1996. Safety features include dual air bags and anti-lock brakes.

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cent) is automatically transferred to the front axle. This allows the Diablo VT to maintain its classic, traditional rear-powertrain performance, and adds the ability to instantly transform itself into a variable all-wheel drive.

This feature also greatly reduces the driver's need to oversteer when cornering at high speeds, a characteristic associated with most rear-wheel-drive vehicles.

The Diablo VT's handling ease is credited to its independent active suspension and powered rack and pinion steering. Fully adjustable, the active suspension when engaged in the automatic mode is governed completely by the vehicle's speed. In the manual mode, the driver chooses his preferred ride from one of four settings on a convenient console-mounted switch.

Above all, safety aspects take priority. If the driver selects a "soft ride" program but exceeds the acceptable programmed speeds, the computer automatically adapts a stiffer, more sporty program for the increased performance. This remains in effect until the speed is reduced to corresponding levels at which point the originally chosen ride is readopted.

The power-assisted steering is also speed-sensitive, so that steering is "hardened" as speed increases. This offers the driver precise control at higher speeds, yet allows light and easy maneuverability at lower speeds.

The Diablo VT's body is comprised of strong aluminum alloys and a liberal use of carbon fiber composites. The engine cover, transmission tunnel, front deck lid, rocker panels, bumpers and front and rear spoilers are made of the lightweight carbon fiber material.

The Diablo VT is powered by a 5.7-liter, 48-valve, 492-horsepower V-12 engine.

The Diablo VT has recorded a top speed of 201.9 mph and a 0-to-60 mph time of 4.09 seconds. For stopping, special Brembo high-performance racing brakes featuring light alloy calipers are standard.

The luxurious all-leather cabin is highlighted by its attention to driver amenities, such as full-time active climate control, Alpine AM-FM stereo-cassette, power windows, tilt-adjustable steering wheel, power mirrors and central locking system.

"The Diablo VT continues to serve as the benchmark of the exotic sports car class, garnering accolades from all who experience it," said Robert A. Brauer, president and chief operating officer of Automobili Lamborghini USA.

Sport

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Jeep

Dramatic changes for the 1996 Grand Cherokee include dual air bags, a larger grill for better cooling, a new dash and an in-line, six-cylinder engine — like those of the Wrangler and Cherokee — has been made stronger and quieter.

Jaguar

Jaguar also is tinkering with the idea of a SUV. British rival Rover (now owned by BMW) is stealing luxury-car sales with its posh sport-utes, so Jaguar (owned by Ford) hopes to fight back with the help of its parent company. The most logical scenario is to "Jaguar-

ize" the next-generation Explorer, which is due in 1999.

Lexus has its eye on the SUV market and its new LX 450 — due in early 1996 — is its entry. This new LX is based on Toyota's Land Cruiser, and its "450" designation comes from its 4.5-liter, in-line six-cylinder.

Lincoln-Mercury

The Lincoln-Mercury division of Ford wants to cash in on the SUV craze and apparently has convinced management it needs two versions. The Lincoln Navigator will be an upscale version of the full-size Ford Expedition that is scheduled to arrive next year. To distinguish it from the Expedi-

tion, the Navigator will have a traditional Lincoln grill and more luxurious furnishings.

Also due to arrive for 1997 is the Mercury Mountaineer, a clone of the Ford Explorer, with a different grill and exterior trim.

Mitsubishi

Most notable among the changes in Mitsubishi's Montero for 1996 is the addition of a standard passenger-side air bag, seven new exterior colors, revised instrument panel and a new stereo system.

Nissan

Not much is known about the new Pathfinder, other than it will arrive in mid-1996 and have dual air bags, a longer

wheelbase and more interior room. Expect the potent four-cam, 3.0-liter V-6 of the Maxima to reside under the hood of the new Pathfinder.

Suzuki

There's a new Sidekick model headed for the U.S., sporting a 1.8-liter engine with twin overhead camshafts, larger tires, anti-lock brakes and a sport-tuned suspension. Like all Suzukis, the new Sidekick Sport has dual air bags.

Also hot for 1996 is the X-90, a vehicle that's part sport-ute, part sports coupe.

A four-wheel-drive vehicle with a T-top, the two-seat X-90

probably belongs in another category. All 1996 Suzukis have daytime running lights.

Toyota

The Land Cruiser is unchanged for 1996. However, the RAV4 (Recreational Active Vehicle with four-wheel-drive) has arrived in the U.S. Already a hit in Europe and Japan, the RAV4 is what Toyota calls "an urban cruiser," a compact two- or four-door that blends a conventional passenger car with the features of an all-wheel-drive, off-road vehicle.

The 1996 4-Runner will be introduced later this year.

Cars will showcase new safety features

Enhancements of electronics and safety are two recurring themes found in the more than 500 1996 cars, vans and light trucks on display at the 14th annual Greater St. Louis International Auto Show.

Many of these high-tech electronic and safety devices are noteworthy if you are in the market for a new car.

Side-impact air bags Side-impact air bag systems are seen as the next hot safety item in the new-car lineup. Mercedes-Benz seems to be taking the lead in air bag safety, and is showcasing a concept car that can deploy 17 air bags — from the car's front, sides and top.

Volvo introduced side-impact air bags in its 1995 360. Mercedes-Benz's new E-class sedans have them in 1996. Among others, Toyota and Cadillac are expected to fit them in the coming year.

The Mercedes air bag resides in the center console and expands into a cushion in 15 milliseconds, less than half the time it takes a front air bag to deploy.

BMW is scheduled to incorporate what it calls an Inflatable Tubular Air Structure (ITS) together with a door-mounted air bag into its 1997 lineup.

Daytime running lights Preventing accidents by making other drivers aware of your presence is the theory behind daytime running lights. The lights turn on automatically when the car starts.

They're already standard on many 1996 models, including Volkswagen, Saab, Volvo and some GM cars. GM also is offering a \$50 which fits most past or current GM cars or trucks.

Check with your insurance company to see if it offers a discount for cars equipped with daytime running lights.

Torsion belts

Safety belts on Mercedes E-class cars automatically cinch on impact, to reduce chest and shoulder injuries caused by the restraining force of the seat belt itself. The belts on the 1996 E-class retract 5.25 inches, some 30 percent more than previous designs.

Pontiac's Grand Am features retractor mechanisms that are designed to stretch in a controlled manner.

Crash worthiness

Most new cars have what are called "crash zones," which are designed to crumple in an accident, keeping the passenger compartment intact. Which car offers the best protection? All things being equal, the larger the vehicle, the safer it is.

Check the vehicle's window sticker to determine if it meets the 1997 federal side-impact protection standards.

Child-safety seats and restraints

Chrysler, Ford, GM, Saab and Volvo all offer built-in infant-safety seats in some models.

A good infant-safety seat reduces your child's chances of injury or death in an accident by about 70 percent. Experts say that 25 percent of such seats are used incorrectly. The California Highway Patrol says that 333 of the 408 children killed in car accidents in California since 1987 would have survived had they been restrained properly.

One survey notes that 3-year-olds have a 64 percent higher injury rate than infants, because they rarely are restrained in special child-safety seats or booster seats. Experts recommend booster seats for children at least 3 years old or at least 30 pounds.

New 1996 features

The 1996 Lincoln Continental has an optional RESCU (short for Remote Emergency Satellite Cellular Unit) that, when a button is pressed, tunes in to a network of orbiting navigation satellites, precisely pinpointing your location.

Next, RESCU automatically dials an emergency monitoring center on the Continental's built-in cellular phone, summoning help in seconds.

Mercedes-Benz has a new electronic-stability program. It works similarly to anti-lock brakes, using a computer to lightly pump the brakes to prevent a skid, even if you enter a corner too fast.

All 1996 Cadillacs have the Home Link system. Touch a button to open your garage door and turn on the lights in your home. Home Link also is offered on the Olds Bravada, Mitsubishi Eclipse and Buick Riviera.

The 1996 Cadillacs also have RainSense Wiper Systems, controllers that not only activate the wipers, but adjust the rate based on how heavy precipitation is falling.



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How to... How to select a cellular phone

Do you always get home at the same time every night? Most people don't. That is why many enjoy the convenience of a cellular telephone. Before buying a cellular phone, here are some things you should consider.

Choose the type of cellular phone that fits your needs.

Cellular phones come in three categories. Base your choice on how you will be using your phone.

- **Mobile phone.** This is a car phone, usually installed permanently with an antenna affixed to the rear window, the center of the roof or the trunk lid. Car phones are good for security when traveling, and are convenient if you are caught in heavy traffic.
- **Transportables.** These phones are usually more expensive than car phones and can weigh from a pound to up to 10 pounds with a battery pack. Transportables are also called bag phones because they are about the size of a handbag. Some models can be mounted and wired, but are easily removed and hooked to a battery.
- **Portables.** Also called hand-held, these cellular phones can be as small as a calculator and weigh just 7 ounces, with a battery pack. People who wear pagers use these phones because they can respond directly to a call.

Before buying a phone, shop for the service.

Even if you never use your phone to make a call, you will be charged access fees, which will run about \$200 to \$400 a year. Before choosing a service company, find out which one offers the better deal.

Are charges for a cellular phone the same as for a regular phone?

With few exceptions, cellular phone bills are a lot like regular phone bills. Cellular phone users are billed for outgoing and incoming calls. Airtime is charged in 60-second increments. The charges begin when you press "Send" and continue until you press "End."

TIP: Peak time hours are 7 a.m. to 7:59 p.m. Monday through Friday. Off-peak hours are 8 p.m. to 6:59 a.m. Monday through Friday, all day Saturday and Sunday, New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Does my cellular phone come with special options?

Following is a list of features you may want to look for when purchasing a cellular phone.

- **Hands-free speakerphone.** If you plan to use your phone a lot when you are driving, a speakerphone is a much safer way to go, and is more convenient.
- **Alphanumeric memory.** Store up to 100 (or more) phone numbers in memory.
- **Any-button answer.** You can use any button to answer your phone — much safer than trying to locate a specific button.
- **Hot buttons.** This option provides speed dialing for up to three numbers, with just one button.
- **Car adapter.** If you buy a portable phone, get a car adapter with a 3-watt booster for use in your car.
- **Voice-activated dialing.** A safety feature used when driving.
- **Built-in pager.** Your phone acts like a pager, flashing each caller's number.
- **Dual or multi-NAM.** Your phone can be linked to two or more carriers, each with a different phone number. This is convenient if you live in St. Charles but travel to Chicago often. You could obtain a second number for Chicago and pay only the local rates in Chicago.
- **Computer and fax compatibility.** You can plug in a cellular fax or modem into the phone to transmit data.
- **Special services.** These include call waiting, call forwarding, three-way calling, no-answer transfer and voice mail. Costs for these services range from free to a few dollars per month.

Other common questions or concerns to keep in mind about cellular phones.

- What is roaming, and how are you charged for it?
- Does the company you're choosing have toll-free exchanges?
- What are the rate plans and are they convenient?
- What area is covered by your service company?
- Make sure you have a clear explanation of how and when you are billed.
- Choose a model that suits your needs. Car phones cost less than hand-held models and have greater power for clearer reception. For portables, look into the flip-phones.
- Make sure your area has digital service before buying a digital phone.

How to... Identify heart disease risk factors

By Dr. George A. Williams

The "baby boom" generation not only is growing up, but as the newspapers keep reminding everyone, the boomers soon will be turning 50. As aging occurs, worries naturally shift to staying healthy and the prospect of old age. Standing in the way of enjoying the remaining years are chronic illnesses, disability and death.

Heart problems head the list

Heart disease remains the number one cause of death and disability in America today. In 1988, it was estimated \$60 billion was spent for the treatment and care of heart attack victims. Heart attacks mean hospitalization, loss of work either temporarily or permanently, and the cost of medication and expensive therapies in the years to come.

Know the risk factors

It has become widely known that there are "risk factors" for heart disease, some of which can be changed and some not. A family history of heart attack at an early age is sign of increased risk for the entire family. Although men have a greater chance of heart attack early in life, starting from about age 35 on, women after menopause quickly catch up and by age 70 have as many heart attacks as men.

Fortunately, there are ways to improve the outlook for both you and your heart.

Personal history

First, be aware of your personal history. If members of your immediate family have had heart attacks early (younger than 55 years old) it does not mean that you will too. It does however suggest a greater risk for your heart. It is more important to control the "modifiable" risk factors: high blood pressure, diabetes and high cholesterol, smoking and lack of exercise.

High blood pressure

Of all the risk factors, high blood pressure (hypertension) is the most common. Approximately 60 million Americans are estimated to have hypertension. Of these, many are unaware they have it. More importantly, only about one-fifth of those with known hypertension are "controlled," having blood pressures less than 140/90.

Diabetes

Diabetes is becoming more common, and is a demanding disease. Diets must be followed, medication taken at regular times, and frequent tests performed to assure good sugar levels. Poorly controlled diabetes however, is relentless in its destruction of multiple systems including the blood vessels. By the time symptoms of hardening of the arteries occurs, however, the damage is done.

Cholesterol and smoking

High cholesterol is also common and goes hand in hand with hypertension and diabetes. It too is a silent killer, causing damage for years before symptoms of poor circulation occur. Smoking has been the subject of debate for years. What is not debated is that smokers have more rapid progression of artery narrowing and more heart attacks than nonsmokers.

Couch potato syndrome

Finally, Americans tend to lead sedentary lifestyles. The couch potato seems to be out national vegetable, with far more Americans watching activities than participating.

Some simple remedies are the hardest

All of these factors can be modified. The simple remedies are often the best: exercise, watching fat in the diet, and avoidance of smoking. They are also the hardest. If you do have a strong family history, high blood pressure or diabetes, a consultation with your doctor is often the best starting point. Often, ways to improve medical care depend on communicating to the doctor your concerns about diet and medication. Multiple medications are available for these problems, and one can be found that will be best for you when you tell the doctor of any side effects or concerns rather than just stopping treatment. A gradual approach to exercise is better than jogging the first day. If you are at high risk, the physician may recommend a stress test and an "exercise prescription," or organized exercise to get started.

Can these efforts pay off? Recent research has shown that participants in exercise programs and reducing cholesterol can reduce the risk of hospitalization or heart attack by up to 40 percent. In an era of shrinking medical care and higher individual costs, and for your own life, it's definitely worth it.

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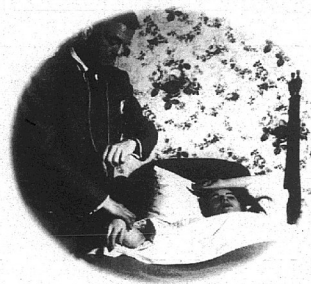
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Get a thorough physical examination before you start.

If you are over 35, have a personal or family history of health problems, or haven't exercised in years, this is especially important. The physical examination should follow the American College of Sports Medicine guidelines.

Pick an exercise program you are likely to enjoy.

There are many forms of exercise, but if you get into something that you are not interested in or find boring, you are not likely to stick with it.

You may enjoy team sports or going solo. However, don't necessarily take up the current fad or what everybody else is doing. For example, not everyone is cut out for a running program. Your body composition or physical condition may not be conducive to this type of activity.

If possible, have a trained professional at a local fitness center determine your level of fitness and help you select the activity option that is most appropriate for you.

For additional information and support, contact sports clubs, check magazines, local newspapers and local organizations such as the Y.

Find an exercise that fits into your schedule.

Some people are lucky enough to have access to an exercise facility at their place of work. If not, you may want to join a health club for lunchtime exercise or racquetball. If that's inconvenient, try cycling, walking, calisthenics and/or isometric exercises. If you work and your office is above the ground floor, try regularly walking up two or three flights each day when arriving in the morning or returning from lunch.

Find the time of day that is best for you.

The best time of day to exercise is debatable. You may wish to exercise early in the morning and get it out of the way, or slip out and exercise at lunch rather than hitting the local hamburger haven, or wait until evening to work off the day's stress. Whatever the time you select, the most important thing is to exercise regularly.

Get the proper equipment.

In weight-bearing sports such as running, some unnecessary injuries result from wearing improper shoes. Therefore, it is important to have the right shoe for the right sport. Remember, that expensive does not automatically mean better. There have been tremendous changes in shoes in recent years and a good pair of running shoes can be found at a reasonable price. Don't go overboard on expensive equipment before you get started, because you may tire of the sport and may want to try another.

Start slowly, then build up.

A good beginning program is a half-hour session three times a week. Start out with five minutes of stretching and warmup, then ease into a workout, followed by a short, one- or two-minute, cooldown appropriate to your particular sport, such as gearing down if you are cycling or walking a block if you are running. During the aerobic portion of your workout, try to keep your heart rate elevated for at least 20 minutes.

Establish your ATZ.

Try to establish an Aerobic Training Zone during the workout. To determine your ATZ, take 220 and subtract your age. If your heart rate during exercising is below 60 percent of this number, your body more than likely isn't stressed enough to provide you with the maximum benefit of exercising. If your heart rate is over 80 percent of your base number, you may be overdoing it. After a five-minute rest period, take your post-exercise heart rate. If it hasn't dropped 10-15 beats from your exercise rate, you haven't recovered. As you get into shape, your recovery rate should improve.

Keep in mind the benefits of starting slowly. If you try too much, too fast, you'll probably experience excessively sore muscles and face the possibility of injuring yourself. Also, take rest days to allow your body to recover.

Reward yourself for achieving short-term goals.

Develop a reward system that's appropriate for your own individual sport and personal goals. For example, buy yourself a treat for a 10-pound weight loss, if losing weight is your goal.

How to...

How to select a college

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Choosing the right college can have consequences for the rest of someone's life. It can influence marriage, friendships and career. But the decision can also be overwhelming, given the large number of good schools available. Following certain procedures and working with high school counselors can help cut down on stress and ensure a good decision is made.

Get an early start in college selection plans.

Adele Hayes, chairman of the counseling program at Kirkwood High School, said planning for college today actually begins in the last year of middle school. Hayes said even colleges and universities once thought to be easy entries, such as many state schools, have established much more stringent entrance requirements. Students planning their ninth-grade (freshman) courses have to choose correctly so they'll have the needed years of basic subjects such as math, science and languages. Hayes said deciding on a specific college begins in earnest at the beginning of a student's junior year.

Use three primary factors to help narrow the college choices.

Anne Clifford, chairman of the counseling department at St. Joseph's Academy in Frontenac, said when she, a student and the student's parents sit down, in the student's junior year to start the college search, she tells the family to focus on three things — the student's interest and major, finances and the various schools themselves. Even if a student hasn't decided on a firm major, the direction of study should be known. Someone interested in science or technology should avoid a school known mostly for its liberal arts.

Don't let money be the only factor in choosing a college.

Hayes said families shouldn't get overwhelmed with the issue of money in the college-selection process. She said a student needs to understand his parents' financial parameters, but focusing on cost alone can cause a student to overlook many possible schools. Also, she said until a student has narrowed down the choices to about five schools, he can't really do in-depth studies of what financial aid the schools offer.

Don't overlook small details in finding the perfect school.

Hayes and Clifford both say no detail, no matter how small, should be left unconsidered if it will make a difference in a student's enjoyment of college. The part of the country, climate, distance from home, size of school, size of the community where the school is located, course offerings, availability of a fraternity-sorority system, athletic offerings and other extracurriculars are all obvious factors. Smaller details such as types of meals available and what percentage of students are commuters also should be considered if they matter.

Don't be overwhelmed with too many schools.

Hayes said with the vast number of schools available, students, when they begin the search in their junior year, should quickly narrow down to 20 to 25 schools. That can be done by computer searches and by visits with the school counselor. Clifford said experienced counselors have been to hundreds of schools and should be a good resource for matching students with potentially good schools. Hayes said by the end of the junior year, prior to actually visiting and applying to schools, students should have the number of potential schools under 12. During the senior year the number of schools under consideration should be narrowed down to about five.

Definitely plan to visit potential schools.

Hayes and Clifford both agree visiting potential colleges is critical to making the right choice. Ideally the visit should be during the school year, when students and faculty are around. Most high schools have liberal absentee policies for seniors who make college visits. Clifford said even if a visit eliminates a school, progress has been made.

Let the student make the final decision.

Hayes and Clifford agree that unless a student's choice is financially undoable by the parents, parents should pretty well let the student make the final choice for college. Clifford said parents sometimes favor a school because it's one they wanted to attend, rather than because it's where the student wants to go. Hayes said even if parents favor a school which might be better for a student, if the student doesn't want to go to the school, he won't be happy.

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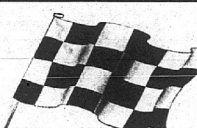
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How to...

Plan a backyard gazebo

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By Matt Johnson

Getting away from it all does not necessarily mean taking a trip away from your home anymore. Creating a sheltered space in your backyard for reading, entertaining or just watching birds can provide more relaxation over the years than any number of trips to Cancun or Paris, and costs much less.

Perhaps the most popular backyard shelter is the gazebo. With its solid roof to keep out rain and sun and its wide-open post design, the gazebo is the perfect spot to spend time on mild-weather days. Equally attractive is the ease with which you can build this simple structure.

Basic dimensions

Gazebos come in all sizes, but the backyard gazebo is generally small, though large enough to seat 6-8 people. With the gazebo's eight sides, you need not plan on having large dimensions; 4 feet per side will give you a structure more than 9 feet across and 30 square feet in area. Also, plan a ceiling height of close to 8 feet, although the structure will be considerably higher when the roof is added.

Find plans for a gazebo in a how-to book at the library or at a home center. They will provide a good starting point; if you wish to have different dimensions or features on your gazebo, draw new plans to scale, using the book as a reference.

Find a site

Because of its size, a small gazebo will fit into almost any yard. Find a level piece of ground a good distance from the house. If you have adult trees, gardens or other landscaping in the yard, take some time to consider how the gazebo will fit in—hidden among trees and bushes may make it seem more private, but left standing out in the open a gazebo can be a striking focal point in your yard.

Also, before you build or buy any materials, check your local building codes. Because a gazebo needs a permanent foundation, the city you live in will probably have ordinances governing the location of residential out buildings. If you wish to place the gazebo near the property line, you may need to obtain a variance. A building permit also may be necessary.

Planning your material needs

Before you make a trip to the hardware store or lumber yard, you need to decide what type of gazebo you wish to build. With one variation, you could simply build the gazebo on top of a concrete slab. Or, you can build a platform gazebo, which has a floor similar to a deck and is attached to eight concrete footings.

Draw out plans for your gazebo, or buy a set of plans in pamphlet or book form at a local home center. Using the dimensions on the plans, you can figure out what sizes of lumber you need to start building. A typical list will include pressure treated or cedar 4x4's for foundations posts, 2x8 frame beams and joists, 1x6 decking, 2x2 cleats, 1/2-inch CDX exterior plywood for the roof, tar shingles or shakes, and 2x4's for handrails.

Make sure all the hardware you use is galvanized, brass or stainless steel—ordinary nails and screws will rust outdoors. In addition, you will need several specialty hardware items; anchor bolts to hold the gazebo to its piers or concrete slab, and an aluminum peak cap to finish the roof (if you cannot find a cap for an eight-sided roof, have a tinsmith at your local heating and cooling shop make one for you).

Adding a decorative touch to your gazebo does not require you to be a master woodworker. Decorative handrail stock and shaped pillars are available ready-made at home centers and lumber yards—no lathe work required.

Tools

Standard tools necessary for this project include a circular saw, electric drill, framing hammer, square, metal measuring tape. And unless you have an uncut piece of lumber for geometry, a mitre box and hand saw are required equipment when it comes to angling the ends of floor joists and ceiling rafters.

Get some help

Have a spouse, neighbor or friend help you with the major stages of assembly, such as placing the gazebo floor frame on its pillars. The work will go faster and you will probably be more accurate if you have another person assist you with measurements.

How to...

Evaluate replacement windows

Outside, it's a spectacular day. The sun is shining brightly. The sky is a deep blue, the air is fresh and you want to be outside. It looks like a beautiful day for a walk in the park. But unfortunately, duty beckons. There are chores to be done around the house, so you're stuck at home for the day. If only there was a way to enjoy the picture of beauty outside, if only somehow you could get a better view. But your home's windows are small, affording only narrow view to the glorious scenery outside.

Better windows bring better vistas.

There is a solution—new windows that will give you fuller enjoyment of nature's wonders spring, summer, winter and fall. High-tech, high-style windows are being used more than ever to help homeowners enjoy the outside views from inside their homes.

Big windows open up a home, brighten it and make it feel larger and more inviting. And homeowners no longer need to give up comfort, practicality and energy efficiency to enjoy big, beautiful windows.

Energy efficiency improves comfort and utility bills.

For years, windows were considered energy wasters. Their use was limited to relatively small areas in homes. But today, that's all changing. Energy-efficient windows with low-maintenance exteriors and super energy-efficient glass are becoming increasingly popular.

During the 1970s, when energy conservation was critical, many homeowners cut back on the use of windows as energy wasters. But as an outgrowth of the energy shortage, new glass panes were developed to cut down on lost heat or cool air, thus saving on furnace and air-conditioning costs.

The windows, known as low-E are double panes of glass filled with Argon gas, rather than air, providing greater insulation. The glass is typically coated with a microscopic metallic layer to reflect radiant heat.

In colder weather and cooler climates, the glass prevents heat from escaping the house and helps hold down gas, oil or electric bills. In warmer weather, the glass keeps the heat outside and the cool in, again cutting energy expenses.

New standards help comparison shopper.

Until recently, however, it was difficult for consumers to accurately compare the energy efficiency of windows because manufacturers used different testing procedures and labeling standards to rate glass.

But a new standard is being introduced that will make it easier for consumers to judge the energy efficiency of the insulated windows they may be planning to purchase.

The National Fenestration Rating Council, NFRC, is introducing a new labeling system that will help homeowners determine the energy rating of their windows, similar to what consumers see on water heaters and refrigerators. That will help to simplify comparison shopping.

A window checklist.

A few other suggestions when shopping for windows, whether you're remodeling, doing new construction or replacing your existing windows:

- Consider the type of material used in window frames. Vinyl, aluminum and wood window frames vary in their insulation capacities.
- Choose windows with a low-E glass. Most windows are available with these optional or standard glazings. The energy savings reaped by using low-E windows can help offset the cost of the investment in new windows. And they add value to your home.
- Work with a reputable retailer with trained window experts. Knowledgeable salespeople will help you choose the right windows for your needs. Poorly chosen windows or badly installed ones can cost a bundle in lost energy and poor performance.

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Howto...

Prolong the life of your car

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Forthought, driving techniques can help preserve a car's life

Try to plan where you are going, for two reasons. First, you can save fuel if you take efficient routes. Second, you will be able to take your time instead of rushing around and changing an accident.

Avoid unnecessary loads. Empty your car of useless weight. Place heavy objects near the car's center so that weight is evenly distributed.

Walk around your car before driving it. Doing so could reveal a tire in need of air or some obstacle that will block your car's path.

Keep the car's windows clean.

Make sure you have two side mirrors, plus a rear view mirror, and that they are properly positioned. Always be sure to look back and check your blind spot.

Don't ride with your foot on the clutch and try not to hold your car stationary on a hill by using the clutch pedal. Both of these mistakes can result in a clutch that needs replacement before its time.

Keep the fuel tank near full in cold weather to avoid water condensing in the fuel system. Try to use your cruise control to maintain a steady speed. Remember that your car's efficiency is at its maximum at 50 mph.

Routinely check basics such as oil level and belts

In the heralded good ol' days, gas station attendants not only filled your car with gas but also looked under the hood to check oil level, belts and other important items. Now drivers may go months without checking the engine compartment. Generally, you should check the engine oil level weekly all year round, and the coolant level and the tire pressure weekly during cold weather.

Items that need to be checked monthly include window washer fluid, brake fluid, power steering fluid level and lights. Also, look at your belts and radiator hoses to make sure they aren't cracked.

Change your oil every 3,500 miles. You can do this yourself, but oil often can be changed almost as inexpensively at service shops. An advantage to getting oil changed at a service shop is that the employees will also do undercarriage inspections, lubricate any necessary spots and properly dispose of the used oil.

In general, replace the car's spark plugs every 30,000 miles, sooner if the car feels sluggish.

About every six months you should check or have checked the suspension, transmission fuel level, exhaust system and muffler, and the emergency brake.

You will also want to check windshield wiper blades and the air pressure in your spare tire. Some items on your car will need to be replaced every year or two. Check vacuum hoses and replace if they are cracked, and replace your air, fuel and PCV filters.

To avoid unnecessary wear on tires, rotate them every year or so.

Usually you can depend on having to replace some items, such as distributor caps, batteries, shock absorbers and spark plug wires, about every three or four years.

Be aware of recommended service schedules

Just how often you need to service your car may also vary depending on how often and where you drive it and what type of car you have. The vehicle manufacturer will make some servicing recommendations, but remember that these are based on tests that they run on the cars, not the way you may use a car over the years.

You can consult a good mechanic or service manager to find out when items should be checked or replaced. Another good source is your local library, which carries plenty of books on automobile care and maintenance.

Record all services and repairs performed on your car

Finally, record the checks and repairs you make on your car in an automotive log that lists the purpose of the repair, where it was done, the invoice number, the cost and the odometer reading. When it comes time to sell or trade your car, you can ask top dollar because you can prove it's been meticulously maintained.

Howto...

Plan a funeral in advance

A death occurs. And without a warning, a family member or friend is left to make all the difficult decisions of arranging a funeral. Most have little idea of what is involved, what costs are, and most importantly, what final arrangements the deceased would have wanted.

When a loved one dies, the anxieties and stress of making funeral plans can be an overwhelming emotional responsibility. In addition, the costs involved can leave a financial burden on surviving family members, especially when they are least prepared to deal with additional worries about money. That's why more and more people are planning funeral arrangements in advance.

Preplanning allows people to protect family members or friends from the stress of difficult funeral decisions at a time of emotional upheaval. It also eliminates any guesswork about the kind of choices that need to be made.

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By meeting with a program representative in the privacy of the home or office, a person has the opportunity to learn more about funeral options and costs. A funeral home representative can guide people through all the details, including casket selection, transportation and use of funeral home facilities. The representative also will explain how flowers, music, clergy and other components can be preplanned.

By meeting with a prearranged funeral program representative face-to-face, a person can receive qualified answers to questions such as: What papers are needed to collect death benefits? When a death occurs, who should be called first? If I move, how does the protection move with me?

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